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Director, FBI

Re: THE PEOPLE'S VOICE
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith are clippings from the June 17, 1944, issue of "The People's Voice," a negro newspaper.

These clippings concern racial and Communist matters in which the Bureau is interested.

Similar clippings are being retained in the appropriate file in the New York Field Division.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

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Dinner to Honor West Indian Guests

The West Indies National Council gave a dinner at the new Caribbean Club, 2387 Seventh av, Friday evening, June 9, with the following as guests of honor:

Herbert Harris, town clerk, Kingston, Jamaica; the Rev. Winslow C. Beckles, Barbados, BWI; Sub-Inspector of Police Simeon Bailey, Jamaica; Mrs. Amy Ashwood Garvey, president of the J. A. G. Party of Jamaica; the Rev. and Mrs. Mayew, Trinidad; Assistant City Engineer Adams, Kingston, Jamaica.

Patrons were Dr. Charles

Petioni; Dr. Lucien M. Brown, Dr. Godfrey Nurse, Cecil Holmes and Reginald Pierrepont.

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Grangers Party Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Granger
will be hosts at a party in honor
of the National Urban League
Guild given at the Institute for
International Democracy, 23 W 23
st, Sunday, June 18, from 6 to
10 pm.

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Town Hall to House Negro Salute to Jews

Salute to the Fighting Jews of Europe, which will be held at Town Hall on June 19 at 8:30 pm will present an array of stars including Josh White, Duke Ellington, Hazel Scott, Glenn Bryant, Bond and Cooke, Mary Lou Williams, Muriel Smith, Eddie Hayward and his band, Lola Hayes, Canada Lee, Aubrey Pankey, Ted-

dy Wilson and Kenneth Spencer if he arrives in the country from his overseas tour in time. Dorie Miller and Meyer Levin scrolls will be presented.

The purpose of this salute is to cement the unity of the American people as urged by the President and Commander-in-Chief. The realization that all have a stake

in the war and how much must still be done on the home-front to eradicate discrimination has brought together these two minority groups to show by their example how races can work and live together.

Tickets are priced from \$1.20 to \$3.30 and can be secured at the box office or the People's Voice.

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Youngsters Solving Own Problems; Theatre Celebrities Will Assist

Those hip and clean cut youngsters who make-up the organization, American Youth for Democracy, are in the lead again with their fight against juvenile delinquency and race intolerance. This time, their fund raising activities are being concentrated in the heart of Harlem with a dance at the Savoy Ballroom on Wednesday evening, June 28. There will be bands and stars galore on hand to greet you and show by their presence, their deep concern

over these problems and their admiration and respect for these young people who are taking the bull by the horns and doing something about them.

The group of Negro youth, who are an integral part of the city-wide inter-racial organization, sponsoring this affair, are mostly young women who have formed a Sweethearts of Servicemen Club, and are directly concerned with juvenile delinquency in this community as well as with keeping up the welfare and morale of our fighting men.

A center for youth was established at 120 st and Eighth av last winter which was financed and is operated mainly by the young people themselves. The membership of that club is now 100 teenagers who engage in machine shop training, group singing and other useful and cultural activities which tends to develop their minds and bodies and keep them out of mischief.

It is the determination of this group to establish a large storefront Youth Center in conjunction with CDVO to be used for war service activities with facilities for many more youngsters.

It is the duty of every right thinking resident of Harlem who is interested in living in a better

community, to buy tickets and be on hand the night of June 28 at the Savoy to commend and give encouragement to that part of our youth who have had the guts and foresight to cut the red tape and get down to the "nitty gritty" of what needs be done so that you and I will have a better community in which to live.—[F.W.]

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Negro Rally Gets Stars

The Artists Invitation Committee for the Negro Freedom Rally which will be held at Madison Square Garden on Monday night, June 26 has as its members, Elizabeth Bergner, star of Two Mrs. Carrolls, Paul Robeson, Duke Ellington, Leo Shull of Genius Inc. and Canada Lee.

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Latest College Fund Donors

More contributors to the United Negro College Fund were announced this week at the offices of the Fund, 38 E 57 st.

They were: International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, AFL, which contributed \$1,000. Three of its locals have raised another 4 thousand, according to an announcement by David Dubinsky, ILGWU head.

Also contributing to the Fund was the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company of Chicago, with a check of \$500. Other contributors were: Marshall Field, \$10,000; the George F. Baker Charity Fund, \$10,000; Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation, \$5,000; the PHILADELPHIA Inquirer, \$1,000; Reader's Digest, \$2,500; Warner Brothers, \$2,500; Henry H. Luce, editor of TIME and LIFE, \$1,500; Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce, \$500; Horn and Hardart, \$1,000; Pennsylvania Railroad, \$2,500, and the Salisbury N. C. Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000.

In addition to other smaller individual checks, public school children in the North and South have sent in sums collected in times, nickles and pennies.

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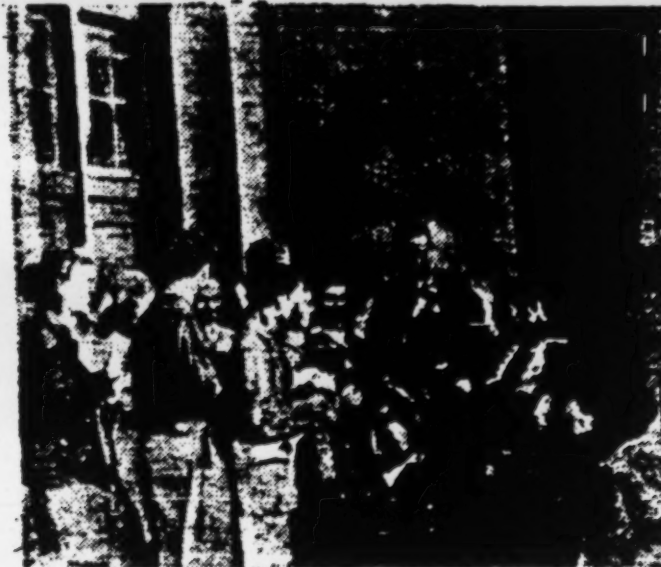
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WHILE THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS were pushing the invasion from French and Italian beachheads, "Back the Invasion" was the rallying point for over a thousand teen age members of the American Youth for Democracy at the Non-Partisan Presidential Convention last Friday evening at Benjamin Franklin High School. With the records of major candidates of all parties before them they made their own proposals. Roosevelt and Wallace were nominated. Judges Anna Kroos and Miles Paige and Councilman Stanley Isaacs addressed the luncheon to the delegates. In pic on left Negro and white candidates confer at luncheon; on right a crowd corner Judge Paige on steps of school as he arrives—(PV fotos).

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CIO Political Action Gains Among Negroes

WASHINGTON (ANP)—Sidney Hillman disclosed last Wednesday that a "very satisfactory" response to the educational efforts of the CIO Political Action Committee has been observed among Negroes, a development which he does not expect to change unfavorably at all. He told a press conference here that registrations among Negroes, particularly in Illinois, has been very good. "All we say," he commented, "is that there is a very keen interest among the minority groups, especially among Negroes, in this coming election. There has been a very great response."

During the full employment conference of the PAC held in New York in January, Chairman Hillman read a statement in which he said, in part, "that a genuine effort will be made to win the support of the Negro trade unionist and the trade unionists of a minority groups, for it is with labor that minorities have the biggest stake."

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SARAH PELHAM SPEAKS enjoys a position of respected prominence both in Harlem and throughout the nation. . . . She is an accomplished lawyer as well as a good wife and mother. . . . To her other laurels she now adds the distinction of being the

first Negro woman in the history of national politics to be designated as the regular organization candidate for a Congressional post. . . . She is the Republican designee in the newly created 22nd New York (Harlem) congressional district, opposing Adam Clayton Powell jr. . . . Educated in the public schools of her native Washington, D.C., Michigan, Howard and NYU, she has taught a bit (S.C. State College); been a government worker; done social work in Cincinnati; and has had an active part in Republican politics since 1928. . . . She's a "joiner" too, belonging to several fraternal, social and professional organizations. . . . She is a creditable representative of the new Negro woman.

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FDR 'Smear' Leaflets Rain From Plane

AUSTIN, Texas—The distribution here by airplane of thousands of leaflets "smearing" President and Mrs. Roosevelt for their pro-Negro attitude was revealed last week by William P. Harrison, chairman of the Illinois Mid-West Negro People's Assembly for a Fourth Term for Roosevelt.

Copies of the leaflet were showered upon the city on the eve of the recent state Democratic convention which resulted in the naming of delegates unpledged to Roosevelt. Harrison was sent some of the copies at his office in Chicago.

The leaflets, pointing to the recent Texas white primary decision by the U. S. Supreme Court, appealed to "white supremacy":

"Who will run the state of Texas?—whites or blacks?" the leaflets queried. "A supreme court decision has just said Negroes can vote in white primaries. Who is on this court? Who is their boss? Isn't it Franklin D. Roosevelt? Didn't he appoint them all, not one?"

"Maybe you don't know that

when your daughter takes a civil service job in Washington, she will use the same rest-room, eat at the same table, work shoulder to shoulder, with Negroes. Perhaps even work under a Negro boss. Who is responsible for that?"

Another part of the leaflet stated:

"And when you vote for President, ask yourself this: is any man good enough to lead your party, who believes your daughter should marry a Negro? Or whose wife believes it?"

"Hasn't Eleanor already said she believes in inter-marriage? Are they good enough to lead America? When you vote, think: will my daughter marry a Negro? Nothing else even begins to count."

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South Isn't So Sunny, West Indian Troops Find

Special

Members of the West Indian First Battalion of the Carib Regiment, recently arrived in Virginia, are facing the problems of adjusting themselves to Southern Jim Crow policies, PV learned this week from a directive issued to officers of the regiment from its

commanding officer. It was necessary for the Army to acquaint these Negro troops, who have suffered little discrimination other than economic exploitation in the islands, with the un-American practices of the Bourbon South.

Official Army directives covering the deportment of these troops in the South, emphasized the need to adhere to "local customs." PV officers quote from paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the official order:

• the USA is divided roughly into two zones, North and South, separated by a line known as the Mason-Dixon Line. We are going to North Virginia which is South of this line;

• north of the line conditions are more or less the same as in our own islands or Colonies, but South of the line there is a definite colour bar, segregating white from coloured. All persons who are not obviously white are regarded as coloured and are subject to this bar;

• in view of the above it is necessary that all members of the Battalion who are in effect, guests of the people of the Southern States, are most careful not to bring discredit on themselves or the Battalion by disregarding local customs and laws.

The memorandum goes on to say that "all ranks should be particu-

PV EDITORIAL

One of the contradictions of the war is the necessity to defeat fascism abroad and at the same time, to adhere to the out-moded discriminatory practices of the Southern poll-taxers and their Northern partners. War makes strange bedfellows and it is doubtful that our West-Indian friends will graciously accept the reconditioning expected of them.

However, we know that tremendous steps have been made by bringing about better understanding between Negro and white workers throughout the country since the beginning of the war and that, in spite of reactionary elements supported by the Deweys, the poll taxers and the Averys, the present administration, at least, has made progress through the FEPC and other agencies designed to give the Negro further aid in achieving a true democracy for himself and his fellow man.

Early careful when frequenting public vehicles, business places, bars, night clubs, brothels, cinemas, etc."

Special emphasis is placed upon the restriction of speaking to any woman, white or "coloured" (with white and coloured underlined), adding "on no account must there be any attempt at friendship with a white woman, whether she is willing or not."

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REV. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. joins the picket line of striking employees at the McCrory and Kress 5 and 10 cent stores on 125th st. between 7th and 8th avs, who have walked out in protest against low



wages, lack of vacations, and unsatisfactory sick leave provisions. The McCrory strike is now 4 weeks old and the Kress walkout is entering the third week—(Morgan Smith fotos).

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Storm Brews Over OPA Eviction of Mixed Couple

A storm is brewing over OPA National Director Chester Bowles' misuse of his high office to act in collusion with a little Harlem tenement owner, William Malatzky, in spreading Hitlerism into New York City. Bowles, in high disregard of the spirit and purpose of the Emergency Price Control Act and the advice of New York OPA authorities, handed down a decision permitting Malatzky to evict Mr. and

Mrs. Larry Williams from their home at 58 W 106 st., solely on the ground that Mrs. Williams is a Negro and Mr. Williams is white.

The International Labor Defense has given Williams legal assistance and other organizations are mobilizing to force Bowles to reconsider his decision and to prevent the eviction. ILD president, Congressman Vito Marcantonio, in a strong protest, pointed out to Bowles that the attitude of the landlord in this case, and its support by OPA, are precisely part of the pattern which makes for rising rents for Negro people in New York—and consequently defeat the purpose for which the OPA was set up by Congress.

ACTION MAY HELP

The Williams family received notice of removal sometime ago, but court proceedings necessary to evict them had not been started on June 1, the date of removal according to the notice. Sufficient action by the public now might prevent an eviction. Organizations are urging the public to write letters of protest to Chester Bowles, in the National Office of OPA in Washington, D.C.

A certificate of eviction is granted by the OPA for three causes only, namely: non-payment of rent, undesirable behavior on the part of the tenant, or the desire of the landlord to put the apartment to his own use.

EVICTON APPROVED

Malatzky's appeals to the local OPA authorities for permission to evict the family because they were mixed, was rejected. Malatzky's appeal then found favor in the National OPA office.

PV's investigations reveal the immediate block in which the house in question is situated is tenanted as follows:

- 25 W 106 st, a few doors from the Williams' house; occupied by colored tenants;
- 53 W 106 st, mixed;
- 57 W 106 st, mixed; Porto Ricans, Cubans, Negroes;
- 51 W 106 st, mixed;
- 40 W 106 st, white and colored (mixed) families.

In spite of Malatzky's eight-month campaign to create disturbances among the tenants to justify his appeal, the Williams' and their 11-year-old son, David, have lived harmoniously with their neighbors.

On June 7, Congressman Vito Marcantonio wrote Williams: "OPA Administrator Bowles has turned down my request for a change of his ruling in your case. Over the week-end, I discussed the problem with Mr. Louis Colman of the International Labor Defense. He has assured me that every attempt will be made in the New York courts to prevent eviction in your case. I shall keep in close touch with the developments and do whatever I can in the matter."

On June 8th the case came up in the 54 st Municipal Court. Judge Curtin presiding, abruptly ruled in favor of Malatzky and gave Williams 30 days to move. Under persuasion, 30 more days were granted. The judge showed no interest in any democratic arguments.

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**CIO Head To Speak
At NAACP Conference**

James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, will address the NAACP Wartime Conference in Chicago, Ill., on the opening night, July 12, on the subject, "The Stake Of The Negro And Organized Labor In The November Election."

The keynote address of the conference will be delivered by Judge Hubert T. Delany, member of the NAACP Board of Directors, of New York City. The conference, which will open July 12 and close Sunday afternoon, July 16, will be held in the Metropolitan Community Center, 41 st and South Parkway.

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Mayor's OK Awaited For Anti-Bias Housing Bill

Reversing its position, the Board of Estimate at the June 8 meeting adopted the City Council bill to deny tax exemption to private housing projects practicing discrimination against tenants because of race, creed, or color, and sent the measure to the Mayor for final approval before it becomes a law.

The bill had failed to receive the required number of votes at the last Board of Estimate meeting, May 25th, when Comptroller Joseph McGoldrick cast his vote against it, fearing that undue restrictions would be placed on the owners of this type of property. He apparently had a change of heart, for at last week's meeting he voted in favor of the measure.

The adoption of the bill came after a public hearing in which it was opposed by Samuel Sirtl, who has had a long record of anti-Negro activity in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, and by Joseph Goldsmith of the Taxpayers' Union. Sirtl argued that the bill was the result of "Communist" propaganda, and Goldsmith asserted that landlords would not build projects if the law were passed.

Councilmen Benjamin Davis, Jr. and Stanley Isaacs who had originally introduced a bill into the Council to forbid discrimination in the projected \$50,000,000 housing project to be built by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., challenged these arguments as contrary to our war aims and dangerous to the extension of democracy in America.

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INVASION DEFINED

The invasion represents the cooling of human hope with human blood. In this historic fact all the oppressed peoples of the world count themselves to the promise of liberty. Written in blood, the promise becomes humanity's sacred pledge that the world after the war never descend to the countless massacres, the selfish persecutions which could men have perpetrated upon their weaker brethren in ages before.

[H. Van Derve].

Fraternal Council Meets in St. Louis

The Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, consisting of eleven Christian denominations and over six million members held its annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo., May 31st and June 1st at the First Baptist Church. Dr. J. M. Brady, Pastor. A large delegation of denominational leaders representing various sections of the country attended. "The Church Discouraging and Mobilizing Her Potential Powers for a New and Better World" was the conference theme. The General Aim: "To concentrate our thinking and action for the abolition of discrimination against minority groups and to plan for internal improvement and inter-racial cooperation."

Bishop James A. Brady, the retiring President, delivered the key address and the report of the Washington Bureau was made by the Director, Dr. W. H. Jernagin. The meeting adopted a manifesto that was prepared by the delegates to the National Conference of Christians for Religion, Democracy and World Brotherhood called by the Washington Bureau.

Elert Tobias Head Of Drew Alumni

The Alumni Association of Drew Theological Seminary, one of the foremost institutions of education for the training of religious leaders, at its recent meeting elected Dr. Channing H. Tobias as president for the ensuing year. Although there have been several outstanding Negro graduates of this institution, it is the first time in the history of the Alumni Association that a Negro has been accorded this honor.

Dr. Tobias is well known as Counsel Secretary for Colored Work of the National Council of Young Men's Christian Association, and recently has been appointed to several important committees and boards, among them being the Mayor's Committee on Unity of New York City, the Board of Directors of the American Council on Race Relations and the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society.

ENJOY FREEDOM
ATTEND FREEDOM RALLY
JUNE 12 AT GARDEN

One A---One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

INVASION. . . . It must have been for just such a moment as this that primitive man, in the early dawning of time when but a unity still impregnated him from the cosmic void that was over all before Creation, closed his eyes to the eye-searing thing . . . moved a shudder and brought to the sharp grasp . . . and mastered . . . God. It must have been for such dreadful hours as this that the imaginative souls of Wack Doctors, Shamans and the feathered Priesthood of the semi-barbaric peoples of earth dreamed wondrously potent in their big coldness hidden deep in lush forests or secreted far in the dark, jagged, recesses of their cave homes. They too, were trying to arrive at a nearness with Him who rules the destinies of all men . . . in all times under all circumstances. In an hour as crucial as this . . . man desires the impotent comforts that can no longer comfort; the ephemeral consolation that comes of man, and seeks the everlasting balm to troubled souls that comes to God . . . and God alone.

THE POWER OF FAITH

That which was most apparent in the drawn faces of the millions who learned of the invasion was not their concern for the strategic success of the venture . . . and that was indeed paramount . . . but rather everything thought first for the security of the boys who were making such a victory possible. The first thought was for their safety . . . and their men return. In this moment . . . differences of race and color melted into nothingness. Human misery when it becomes common to all . . . is able to transcend the petty delimitations that separate men and it makes them all one in mind, purpose and spirit.

The invasion, as nothing else could, did what should be possible in times of calm. It subdued America . . . and certainly her fighting Allies to a level of human concern which made the poorest man . . . kin to the acorn. It washed away the sins of the church . . . or self-condemned sinner and obliterated the myriad denominational fractions that make of Christianity a thing to be laughed at rather than followed. Judaism was in that moment as it really is, and should always be thought to be . . . the parent to all that is Christian.

In our mutual frustration we turned to the songs the ancient Hebrews sang to soul-sick Bedouins in their days of tribulation and there are no songs of our own making which have been able to deliver us out of our anguish as they have. When the Psalmist tenderly whispered . . . "The Lord Is My Shepherd" . . . he spoke the prayer of every human who is ever visited by adversity. Some may say it is Greek . . . the language of the Falashas . . . the Black Jews of Ethiopia, and some may say it is the fanciful intonations of the Chinese . . . or still others may mouth it in the bombast of the Bantu in the warm heart of the sheltering jungle . . . matters not how it is said, the speakers all address one God . . . and he hears them . . . His people are people.

COMFORT YE COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

There is no greater comfort than that which comes from religion. It need not come from Christianity . . . It can come from faith in Mohammed, Buddha, or a knothole in a fence. This comfort can come through the well worked-out dialectic of the Marxist or the dogmatic creed of the hierarchy (the former leads itself to my thinking however, as being the more likely to leave the worshipper with a remainder of individuality). Men in his great strides forward has not come away from his childish dependence on God . . . in whatever respect he may be understood.

There is no security man can contrive to replace the assurance that comes through faith that God . . . cares and sustains us in moments of stress. This is not the Pentecostal fundamentalism of evangelists, or the stuffy theological abstractions of the "Higher" churches but rather both and more still.

THERE IS ROOM FOR ALL

There is room in the thinking of open-minded men for the practical fact of religion as we see it in Russia. There too, is room for the fixed dictates of an aphorism . . . but there is absolutely no room on this planet for a church Protestant or Catholic that doesn't let the people know that God was fashioned in the minds of His creators to be worshipped in the fullness of spirit and with the abandon of children. God must be interpreted so that the dreamer can know he is not beyond the ken of the Almighty. God must be made the property of the runway and the ally. He must be a big enough God to include all men and their varied opinions of Him. He must be thought of as a Cosmic and a personal God. He must be a God who has no chosen people . . .

There will be no more wars of this proportion . . . I hope. But there will always be the hidden potential of a thousand wars if the spirit that pervaded the world June 6 doesn't magnify itself to dimensions that will cause everyone to constantly think of the security and welfare of the other fellow. In our regard of the comfort of others . . . we find our own greatest comfort. In meeting their needs we answer our own. In trying to aid the fallen around us . . . that who liberate us to all will be our predicament and help us.

The military aspects of "D" Day . . . must soon become memories of mixed glory and sorrow but the dynamic of human love which changed the air over this and all nations must never subside.

Home Boy Says

by Joe Bostic

... Buck, the rootin' and tootin' is really on in the big rumble on the other side of the big dew. A Joder is liable to go as quick as the GI's here if the play gets too rough cause this riff is for all the money. The first dim of the smart seven I put down on a late slave and then swung to a couple of lush pads and the track."

fer no staid takin' a hustle for it. But the cat layin' down the tough-
est beef was a kid who figured that
he'd have to cop himself a slave.
He bent his chops outrageously. He
came up with a diller. He's fe-
giving up to the snatch board.

WARLAWAY: The war is really on many Member's following the news that the invasion is on. He learned of it on the radio while driving home in his car after working late Monday night and visiting some bar and the Navy. Instead of continuing to Brooklyn he returned to Harlem to get some rest. In a eating place three soldiers expressed approval because either would soon be overwhelmed under the weight of superior Allied arms. A pimp bewailed the fact he would have to join the armed forces since the government showed no leniency on drafters. Another Harlem man was so desperate over the prospect of having to take a defense job that he was prepared to go to his draft board and demand induction. It seems that everybody in Harlem is avidly devouring the news in the papers and on the radio about the invasion. Very exciting Member's reports.

Monday, June 19th, 8:30 P.M.

Billy Molliday	Luther Semon	Lala Hayes
Marcel Smith	Gleason Bryant	Canada Lee
Anthony Pankary	Wills Gray	Mary Lou Williams
Bennie and Cook	Josh White	Toddy Wilson and Band
Eddie Heyward		Louie McIndoe and Band

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PRO: *Celia Kraft Prosser*
Southern Jewish-
American Writer

YES, THEY DO FOR reasons that are easily understood. Any group that has suffered so much violence and discrimination because of its color would necessarily develop certain defense mechanisms—against the dominant group and against other minority groups. When I read some Negro papers, I find some Jew baiting on the part of otherwise progressive columnists. In the same papers, I find much baiting of Southern poor whites although these people are beginning to realize that they, too, are victims of second-class citizenship. The political and economic exploiters spread out their nets to catch all of us and to keep us fighting each other while they keep us squirming in those nets. They feel that Negroes are the easiest catch and can be hooked on any old bait since Negroes always have more justifiable grievances than any other group. However, I feel that race baiting is declining among Negroes as the structures of segregation begin to crumble from the sledge hammer blows of the war. The same thing can be said for other minority groups including



my people, the Jews. Whites, who are mainly responsible for race prejudice, must stop condemning Negroes for turning their own weapon against them. They must see that the shoe doesn't fit anybody's foot and start looking for a new style. When Negroes stop being hated, they will stop hating.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Edited by LLEWELLYN RANSOM

Race and religious hatred has been used to great advantage by political and economic exploiters of the human race. Do you think Negroes indulge in much race hatred against Jews, Negroes themselves, Chinese, Mexicans, Catholics, West Indians and Italians, etc.?

CON:

Albert Carle
Artist
NYC

I DO NOT THINK THE NEGRO PEOPLE are guilty of any great amount of race or religious hatred. They are full of resentment against white men generally. This is only normal in view of the social and economic degradation he suffers. But as far as any concerted effort on the part of Negroes to

abuse another minority race or religious group, that is not so. When a handful of Negroes in Harlem fell under the influence of one of (anti-Semitic) Joe McWilliam's henchmen preaching a pro-Japanese doctrine, last year, it was a rare and an obscure occurrence. During period immediately after the first World War, when Harlem was growing under the influx of Negroes from other parts of the United States and from Caribbean countries and islands, there was some clash because of speech and cultural differences. But this soon passed without taking on any serious form. Both American and West Indian Negroes swelled the ranks of Marcus Garvey. During the exodus of whites from Harlem, Jewish merchants stayed to serve the community and Jewish real estate agents collected rents for exploiting big property owners—mostly gentile. These people were nearest to the hard hit newcomers, hence we had some anti-Semitism. This never became formal and is passing with that generation and with the mixing of young Jews and Negroes in schools. The NAACP, National Negro Congress, Urban League are examples of the positive expressions of the Negro on race.



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Henson said. The Pennsyl-
and the Chicago and North-
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as stewards as a result of
negotiations with FEPC.

Mayor Asks To Halt Ouster

The reinstatement of Ruth
Lep, 16-year-old student at
Brooklyn High School for
making, recently suspended
for causing a disturbance and
around her in the school
room, was again asked this
of Superintendent of Schools
John Wade, and of Mary
president of the Board of
Education, and Mayor LaGuardia.

The request followed an investigation of all facts bearing
on the case, made by the Bedford
Board of Education. A memorandum, signed
by Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, chair-
man of the Council, pointed out that
the incident existed in the school
because of the practice of ex-
cluding Negro students from the
cafeteria. Furthermore, the
room was very crowded, the
cafeteria, and "the incident
have been averted with prop-
er administrative scheduling and
some of the pupils would not
have had less than 15 minutes in
to eat lunch."

The Council urged approval
of the proposal of Herbert
teacher hurt in the fracas
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TEN THOUSAND NEGROES stood in the streets last year at our Negro Freedom Rally while 20,000 packed Madison Square Garden. This month the Freedom Rally comes off again Monday, June 26. It will be bigger, greater and more meaningful than ever before. It is the duty of every Negro within 100 miles of New York City to be present that night at the Garden. There will be the thrilling, thunderous voice of Negroes crying out as one in this momentous year of decision — "Let my people go!"

An array of militant speakers, a great pageant, "New World A-Coming," artists of concert and stage — the whole thrilling spectacle of the caravan of Negro thought and entertainment will be a tremendous event that must attract the attention of every Negro and friend of Negro people.

The People's Committee and the Negro Labor Victory Committee once again are united under the joint chairmanship of Ferdinand Smith and your humble "exploiter." The chairman of the meeting that night will be Dr. Manning Tobias, one of the most respected leaders of opinion in America. Charlotte Hawkins Brown is flying from North Carolina once again to thrill the audience with her magnificent statement on behalf of Negro women. No other woman in America represents the masses of Negro women more than the gifted principal of the Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, North Carolina. Congressman Vito Marcantonio will thrill us with his great message. This man needs to be heard at every opportunity for it was he who fought the Poll Tax successfully through the House of Representatives. Other great speakers will be heard.

The entertainment is tremendous. The pageant "New World A-Coming" has been written by the talented Owen

Dodson. There is not one artist, white or Negro, in concert halls, on the stage, or over the radio, who has not consented to appear.

This is a great year for Negro people when our lives must be as one. This is a year when our protests must be heard as never before. This is a year when we must cut off fair-weather friends, sunshine patriots and summer-soldiers within our ranks.

Many Negro leaders have climbed upwards on the weary backs of black people only to forget them as soon as they have achieved power. This has become increasingly noticeable within the past few weeks. For every one of these black Quislings, fifth-columnists, and Uncle Toms who leave us, thousands of men and women of the masses rise to take their place. Some of these men and women who pose as saints have at last revealed their true color. We will remember them to our dying day. We will reveal them wherever we go for what they are — traitors and handkerchief heads.

The Negro Freedom Rally at the Garden on June 26, will have among the numbers present only those who belong to the ranks of the new Negro and the new white man. Those who are passing for everything but a Negro will be found outside. But the real Negro, the fighting Negro, the Negro who is going to encourage democracy's spirit will be present.

On to the Garden, June 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. Get your tickets today.

John Edgar Hoover
Back the up

SOAF BOX

by Adam Clayton Powell Jr.



POWELL

A MEETING WAS HELD the other day at the Hotel Theresa under the auspices of the NAACP to discuss what can be done to prevent future disturbances in our community. The meeting was attended by all of the leaders of various phases of our Harlem life. The NAACP, and particularly Walter White, are to be commended on calling such an important conference.

My only criticism of members of this community, including your humble servant, is that this conference was called too late. It is reasonable to expect that there will be no repetition this summer of last summer's needless outbreak. Yet, on the other hand, we must realize that the same factors that caused the disturbance then are still prevalent, some even to a more intense degree. The educational, recreational, health, and living conditions remain substantially now what they were August 1, 1943. The one noteworthy gain has been the establishment of an OPA office on 125 st. These conditions are being intensified and aggravated by the unprecedented lawlessness that has broken out in the last few weeks among Harlem youngsters. The problem, therefore, facing the City Fathers — and in particular the members of our community — is to act fast. Long range planning must begin. A course for immediate action must take place now.

Immediate action that I'm going to present is based not only on my own thoughts, but also on the thoughts advanced by others who were present at last week's conference:

- military authorities of the area need to install immediately in the Harlem community more military police;

- curfew needs to be established not later than 11:30 for all youngsters on the streets of New York City below seventeen years of age;

- recreation centers need to be built up on each block in Harlem. If paid workers cannot be found to man them, then why not utilize the valuable and elaborate Air Raid Warden system? I'm sure these good men and women who have volunteered for two years to protect the citizens from bombings from the skies would be willing to continue to volunteer on a reasonable basis to protect the community by seeing that the youngsters have supervised places to play in;

- a conference of the kids and their gangs in this community needs to be called. This was particularly suggested by Dan Burley. People who should call these conferences are those who are in direct contact with youngsters — men like George Gregory, Willie Byrant, Ralph Cooper, Charles Buchanan, Monsignor McCann. Such a conference would give a chance to the kids to get off what's on their chests, organize their own movement, however badly they run it themselves;

- next we need to enlarge the City Patrol Corps. It was these men in uniform who did a magnificent work last August, and I'm sure they could do a good preventive work now;

- finally, the police of Harlem need to know what was so ably put by the Rev. O. Clayton Maxwell: "The people of this community are solidly behind the Police Department. — behind the individual members when they're right. When they are wrong, the citizens are going to demand investigation and demand that wrong be righted."

These things must be done now, immediately. It's your responsibility and it's mine.

ALP Designates Powell To Panic Rival Camps

The rising wave of sentiment favoring Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., as Congressman from the newly created 22nd Congressional district is beginning to reach tidal proportions with laymen as well as seasoned political personages joining in the acclaim. Already in possession of the designation of the regular Democratic organization of New York County, Powell this week was accorded the same honor and unqualified vote of confidence by the American Labor Party organization of the county. The official statement announcing designation of the former city councilman and pastor of Abyssinian Church was issued jointly by Vito Marcantonio and Eugene Connelley, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the ALP. The statement:

"The New York County Committee of the American Labor Party is happy to announce that it has designated as its candidate for Congress in the 22nd Congressional District, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and former City Councilman."

"Dr. Powell, one of the grandest outstanding leaders of our democracy, has long been one of the most vigorous proponents for not only among the Negro people, but among all progressive and forward-looking people."

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to the success of our war effort, and so essential in the years to follow. His election will place at the service of the American people another great voice, truly representative of and responsive to the best traditions of our American Democracy, and pledged to the development of that democracy to new and higher levels."

"We are certain that all people, irrespective of party lines, will rally to his support and election."

"Thus Dr. Powell moves into a commanding lead over the other aspirants to the congressional post despite the fact that the militant leader has not yet begun his real campaign program."

This latest surge to the Powell bandwagon coupled with the results of the non-partisan poll taken last week has thrown the camp of the opposing candidates into a state bordering on panic as consternation begets the various campaign managers. All have called frantic councils of war in the last week in a vain attempt to find some method of at least countering the tide before the race becomes a hopeless "no contest."

Rev. Adam Powell Gets Jewish Honor

Albert E. Kahn, co-author of the best seller "Saboteurs"—The Secret War Against America and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, outstanding Negro leader, will receive the Meyer Levin and Doris Miller Scroll at the Negro Salute to the Fighting Jews of Europe at Town Hall, Monday, June 14, at 8:30 pm, for outstanding work in behalf of the Jewish and Negro peoples.

The scrolls will be presented by Rabbi Leonard Greenberg, and by Owen Dodson, young Negro playwright who dramatized Hal Otley's "New World A'Comin'." Friends of the evening will be used for the Book of Nazi Crimes to be published by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists, Inc.; World Jewish Congress, and Vard Loomi of Palestine. The Salute is being held under the auspices of the Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists.

Forum on Negro in War

Last Sunday evening at 8:00, the Jefferson School, 975 Sixth Avenue held a Round Table discussion on "The Negro in the War and the Post War World." Participants were Kumar Gubel, author of "The People of India," Papadimitri Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union, and Thomas Dala.



Once again a major metropolitan newspaper has joined hands with the irresponsible group of publications that deal in half truths and distortions for effect in order to reap ill gotten circulation at the expense of a community beset with vicious emotions inflamed by inaccuracies. Sunday in Brooklyn a group of young hoodlums created a ruckus of some sort on a subway train running from Prospect Park to Franklin av on the BMT line. PV in no way condones this type of behavior by any group of youngsters, certainly not our own. However in reporting the incident with a two column streamer headline the "Daily News" said that the hoodlums herded passengers from one car to the other and called them "white trash." Well, the cars on that line are each locked on both ends so that it is impossible to pass from one car to another — thus that fiction is erased. The term "white trash" is definitely not used by Negroes in referring to whites. Southern whites use it in referring derisively to other whites. Again we say that the first requisite of the newspaper business is accuracy and this was anything but accurate. However, it isn't hard to understand, coming from a paper that has within the last seven days taken up the cudgel to justify white supremacy, lynching and poll tax disfranchisement as practiced in the South. Nope, they ain't ready.

Jimcra at Bias Confab

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Two hundred Negro delegates who came here to attend Governor Green's state-wide interracial commission conference for the discussion of race prejudice last week were left in a quandary when hotels refused them accommodations.

Two charges were filed with the attorney general of the state by Sen. Latham, minority secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Union, under a state act which provides a fund for the investigation of criminal court charges against hotels which



NEW WORLD A-COMING whips into shape for presentation at Negro Freedom Rally on June 26 at Madison Square Garden. Upper right Owen Dodson, third from left, writer and director going over some of the fine points. Lower left Evelyn Aramburo at the piano and Ray Elliott composers of the music for the song New World A-Coming. Charles A. Collins looking on. Lower right J. Moran Weston, co-ordinator of the rally. Mr. Weston is also State Civil Liberties Chairman of the E.R.A. Cast of 300 is being woven into the Pageant by Owen Dodson and is being produced by Frank Griffin and Pearl Mullins production.

West Indian Flying Aces Are Awarded by Britain

LONDON.—The bravery and skill of West Indian fliers is receiving due recognition in the British press. These airmen are entrusted with tasks of importance, and are executing them with a daring and efficiency which is earning the praise of their English colleagues. It is no longer a

new phenomenon. In the past, they have been awarded the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Flying Medal, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Some of them have been twice decorated. Recently Flight Engineer Sergeant Benjamin Vinton, from the Royal Air Force, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

This decoration, which he received from the King at Buckingham Palace, was awarded for having completed many successful operations against the enemy, in which he had displayed high skill and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer A. G. G. Johnson, who comes from Nassau, Bahamas, distinguished himself as captain of a Lancaster bomber which took part in the raid on Schweinfurt.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal in 1942, and has since been posted as missing (presumed dead).

Stone Pilgrimage June 14

The annual pilgrimage to New York University's Hall of Fame in honor of the 123rd birthday anniversary of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of the greatest of all American novels, Uncle Tom's Cabin, will be held on June 14.

Jamaicans To Hold Patriotic Rally

The Jamaica Progressive League of Brooklyn, Archbishop William will hold a patriotic rally at the Remembrance Garden, 285 St. and Seventh ave., Brooklyn, on June 13, at 2:30 P.M., at which time the speaker will be W. Adolphus Roberts, the Rev. William Roberts and Dr. Thomas H. Roberts.

Ernest will preside.

This will probably be the last meeting of the league in aid of the Jamaica Education Fund, because the general election in Jamaica, under the new constitution, will take place in the early fall.

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What Invasion Means to the Negro

By JOHN PITTMAN
(Editor of the People's World)

Hard, bitter fighting awaits our European invasion armies. Negro combat and service troops will share in the physical destruction of the world fountain-head of oppression and hatred, the "apostles of greed and racial arrogancies," as President Roosevelt labelled the forces of Hitlerism. Thus every Negro-American has a direct stake in the outcome of the second front, in which the lives of half a million of our boys are involved.

Indirectly, also, the second front will speed many processes that bear on our present and future status.

SMALL NATIONS FATE

In world affairs: The second front increases the need for the organization of post-war international security, will spotlight coming Big Four parley recently forecast by Secretary Cordell Hull. Involved here is future security of small nations, i.e., Liberia, Ethiopia, Cuba, Haiti.

Critics of Roosevelt-Hull policies profess alarm over prospect of four big powers forming alliance to keep the peace. Their spokesmen, such as former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, say such an alliance may deteriorate into an international gridding compact, with the Big Four dividing the world into spheres of influence and control.

On other hand, proponents of Roosevelt-Hull policies say the alternative to world organization based on Big Four would be precisely what critics fear—rivalry and competition among the Big Four, leading to new attempt to partition the world and eventual World War III. They contend worldwide economic measures, indispensable to prevent depressions and class warfare, are practicable only if undertaken by powers both willing and ABLE. They argue that only by means of such international economic cooperation, based on strong political alliances and a common need for peace, can industrial development and political independence of countries

like Liberia, Ethiopia, Cuba and Haiti be assured.

FUTURE OF COLONIES

On question also arises colonies peoples. Outlook here is held to be bright if means can be found to keep American and British big business from struggle for markets and investment opportunities.

Each struggle, it is said, would provide pretext for die-hard British imperialists to fasten their grip on India, Africa and other colonial regions; would spur American imperialists in attempt to capture British colonies; would consequently lessen colonial peoples' opportunity for advancement.

Proponents of this view say that within framework of Big Four organization for peace can be established a working relationship between Britain and U. S. toward colonial question. Hope is expressed that on condition of guaranteed minimum of profit from markets and investments, British may approve joint Anglo-American development of industries in colonial countries, may undertake program of rising living standards and political emancipation of peoples of India, Africa and the West Indies.

This prospect seems too visionary to be practicable. In any case, it would materialize only through political struggle, including possible outbursts. Yet, the alternative of new economic warfare and depression, leading eventually to another world conflict, is so forbidding that intelligent sections of British and American big business may be forced onto the path of cooperation. Since the initiative for

this kind of solution is up to American big business, Negro-American can help determine the choice by the way of the trade unions and at the Big Four conference.

Second front has increased urgency of solving this question. It will speed the Big Four conference.

JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT

On the Home Front: One process set in motion here is deemed not immediately favorable to Negro. This is drive of war contractors to get a head start in changeover to peacetime production. Reconversion implies many temporary dislocations, shifts of the labor force, unemployment, want. Understandably, Negroes fear ensuing race for jobs will revive old precedent: "First fired, last hired."

View of men like Donald Nelson and others in Administration is that rush to convert is based on a false premise, namely, that industry has already done its invasion job, that from here on it is mainly a job of keeping stockpiles, depots and dumps supplied. Administration leaders stress necessity for keeping up war production. They say victory over Hitler will not be easy. They insist Japan is no push-over.

Nevertheless, a realistic perspective would admit that period of reconversion has dawned, that probability exists for four to five million workers being unemployed in next half-year to year. Though this prospect is alarming, it underscores reconversion in which interests of labor will be protected. Naturally, therefore, Negroes have major stake in Congressional passage of bills to implement pro-

Ben Davis Speaks of D-Day

Negro citizens rejoice with all other Americans at this moment on the invasion of Western Europe. Our every thought and action collectively and individually will be of the greatest possible backing to our Negro and white boys, their British comrades and the Red Army, who will cleanse the earth of fascism and all its works.

The fate of the black people as well as that of the white, brown and yellow peoples who love freedom, rests on the bayonets of the Allied Sherman. Against common foe, Commander-in-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt and we to all the pro-fascists, would destroy our unity with Jim Crow, anti-Semitism, or cheap partisan politics. This is the first big performance of the great conference. Next is total victory and a secure peace.

speech of Ben Davis and Hancock, trend will be interrupted, with possible reverses, during period of confusion and unemployment attendant on reconversion. At this time, agents and their dupes may seize pretext for inciting conflict.

In addition, labor movement itself will help ease the transition. Unions now are thinking in terms of:

- dismissal pay;
- at least two weeks dismissal notice;
- labor participation on government agencies handling change-over;
- increased unemployment benefits;
- job placement through labor-management-government cooperation in every community.

But problem of Negro workers is complicated additionally. Hence, trade unionists aware of this are asking for a further safeguard—a contractual agreement by employers that layoffs will not be influenced by race, creed or color.

JIM CROW AND FRANCHISE

Another process spurred by the second front is more formidable. This is the trend toward greater democracy. Recent high points of this trend were the Supreme Court's decision against the Jim Crow primary, the War Department's ban on segregated transportation for Negro troops, the President's insistence on funds for the FEPC and their approval by the House of Representatives.

Here again, however, such an interruption is expected to be but temporary. Main current released by the invasion is one of national unity, which is in the interest of every decisive important sector of the country—business and labor, north and south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

Most compelling factor favorable to continued growth of real democracy in the country is the necessity of such unity to post-war prosperity and peace. If military necessity during critical period of war compelled the integration of a million Negroes into war industry the necessity for reaching high production levels in the post-war peace is a compulsion equally powerful. The long-time outlook, therefore, is definitely promising.

So much for this brief study of prospects since the invasion of Western Europe. Meanwhile, during the bloody battles to come, Negro-American will live up to our tradition of patriotism and soul in the struggle for liberty. We'll buy bonds, hold meetings, and



LABOR looks AHEAD

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

HERE'S SOME CURIOUS Republican considering in Washington and in the editorial offices of the New York Times on the issue of a poll tax amendment.

First the Republicans and poll tax Senators knife the Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill. Then they spin around and try to swindle some Negroes votes by sponsoring an amendment to the constitution abolishing the poll tax.

These tactics won't fool anybody, most of all the Negro people. What is confusing is the editorial support for a constitutional amendment provided by the Times.

The Times admits that before such an amendment can become the law, two-thirds of both the House and Senate AND three-fourths of the States must first approve it. This august paper then has the temerity to add, "—and this is all that is required for a constitutional amendment."

That's some "all!" It's a trivial matter to the Times that 36 States would have to back the proposal. I should like to refer the Times editorial writer to his own files on the child labor amendment.

For 28 years the child labor amendment has been kicking around the country. Adopted by Congress in 1924, it has been approved by only 28 States in all that time.



This is precisely the fate which the Republicans hope will befall the poll tax amendment. My considered opinion is that if they believe the amendment could pass quickly they would never have proposed it.

If the Times wants to take a non-committal view of the situation that is its prerogative. But it is decidedly unfair for it to give the impression that a constitutional amendment is a simple matter.

I can picture the pro-Dewey forces gleefully citing the Times editorial of May 16 in defense of their voting against cloture, and palming off the poll tax amendment brass with the blessings of this conservative sheet.

There is only one answer the people can give: replace the reactionaries and poll taxers in Congress with people of democratic instincts and proved ability. Men like Vito Marcantonio and Adam Powell are urgently needed on Capitol Hill.

Heretofore — disreputable Negroes and whites must bring to the fore Southern Marcantonios and Powells who will replace the type of legislative rascals recently by the Nashville Tennesseans: such characters as "Cotton Ed" Smith, Kenneth McDellar, "Pappy" O'Daniel, "The Man" Bibo, et al.

The immediate period ahead demands enlightened Congressional leadership in support of FDR's policies. The reactionary heads already rolling in the political arena show that the people are tiring of the scare fast.

DOING HER PART TO RELIEVE the manpower shortage is efficient Rose M. Bell, who answers to "Hey there, taxi" in Cab No. 8663. Rose says her job is no snap, but she enjoys driving and it's nice to make a living at something you enjoy.—(TV foto).

Little Steel Formula Obsolete, Union Says

The Little Steel formula is "obsolete, unfair and unrealistic," Pres. Emil Rieve of Textile Workers Union (CIO) told a special 3-man panel of the National War Labor Board in hearings opened June 4 on the union's demands for general wage increases for 20,000 employees of the American

Woolen Co. Wages of one-third of the workers employed at the plant and all of the women and assisted workers involved are sought before the millworkers get frozen wages and the rising cost of living.

Issues involved in the case, which is considered the key to breaking down sub-standard conditions in the entire industry, are these: A minimum wage of not less than 44¢ an hour, a general wage increase of not less than 4¢ an hour, uniform minimum rates for all job classifications, a

union security, 5-week vacations with pay after five years service, a 5¢ premium wage for every shift worker, and group insurance.

"American Woolen Co. profits before taxes — before reserves with pay after five years service, a 5¢ premium wage for every shift worker, and group insurance. — were \$2,062,000 in 1939, \$21,100,000 in 1941, and \$34,400,000 in 1943. This is an increase of 72% in 1943 over 1941 and an increase of more than 1,800% in 1943 over 1939."

Navy Officer Promises End of Bias at Yards

No discrimination of any kind will be countenanced in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Commander N. D. Hubbell, industrial relations officer at the yard, told members of Local 137,

A CIO, shipyard workers' union, at their meeting last night. He said that where discrimination existed, it was on lower levels of management, and that any supervisor found guilty of it would be penalized immediately.

Hubbell further declared that the number of Negro supervisors had been increased by 50% since the beginning of 1944. The ruling represented a new stage in the development of relations between labor and management at the yard, since the period of several months ago, when charges of bias against Negro and Jewish employees were widely publicized, and the management refused to accept any investigation of the charges by the regional FEPC office.

Speaking for the union, Peter Zagaria, regional representative of the United Federal Workers, stated it was essential to the morale of the employees that all be given equal opportunities for promotion, regardless of race, creed, or color. He also urged all Navy Yard workers to take advantage of the new order permitting them to secure identification badges which are not marked "white" or "colored."

Gov. Dewey Appoints Lily White Unionist

The naming by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of Frank S. Columbus, chairman of the legislative board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, as a member of the new commission to study race discrimination, particularly in employment, was scored this week by the NAACP in a letter to the governor. Columbus' union has Negroes from membership by a constitutional clause which declares members must be "white born."

"We are of a firm to understand," said the NAACP letter, "why Mr. Columbus can be expected by you or by the Negro citizens of New York State to render sincere service on this commission since he is an executive of a union which excludes Negroes, Mexicans, Indians and Spanish Americans from membership."

The appointment of a man like Columbus "is certain to arouse a suspicion among the more than 100,000 Negro citizens of New York that no sincere attempt will be made to eliminate discrimination in employment," the NAACP said. The NAACP also scored the naming of Frank L. Weil, one of the top directors in the USO who "was active in having the pamphlet, *States of Whitedom* from USO centers throughout the United States."

Pointing out that the pamphlet is a scientific and factual account which explains the theory of race superiority, the NAACP added:

"If Mr. Weil cannot contribute to the scientific truth in this pamphlet, the genuine science as to how to cure this and other

blatant judgment on discrimination against citizens of New York State on account of race, creed or color."

Recalling that Dr. Channing H. Tobias of the YMCA and Lester B. Granger of the National Urban League resigned from the commission in the spring, the NAACP letter stated: "This Association cannot escape the conclusion that men of the type of Dr. Tobias and Mr. Granger who have spent their lives working for better race relations would not have refused service on this commission if they had felt that the Governor and the State Administration were sincere in approaching the problem and genuinely desirous of rooting out discrimination."

Marines Know the Score

WASHINGTON, (PT) — Capt. Edward Manneley, deputy administrator of the War Shipping Administration, in a message June 4 said "the men of the merchant marine" were among the first to see the losses of this war plainly. You were the first Americans to volunteer and your brethren of the

Boilermakers Say Negroes Behind Case

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Council for the Boilermakers union, fighting to block a permanent injunction on its former auxiliary sought by Negro shipyard workers here, tried to show last week that "the NAACP and the National Urban League are behind the case."

A secretary in the office of the local testified that all black men were forced into Jim Crow auxiliaries and that they had no choice in the matter. Thorpe Marshall of the NAACP legal staff is representing the colored workers. Final arguments of counsel before Judge Patrick Curran are scheduled for June 14.

men were the first Americans to die in this fight for freedom. The landings on the shores of France are the fruit of their sacrifices."

Capt. Manneley then called on "every common sailor to return to the sea to finish the task which the began."

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Overseas Assignment For Author Roi Ottley

Roi Ottley, author of the best-seller "New World A-Comin'," has accepted an assignment to go abroad as a foreign correspondent for PM newspaper and Liberty magazine.

Ottley's tour, which will take him to all parts of the continent, will last from 12 to 18 months during which time he will not only report for the two publications, but will also do broadcasts to America for Columbia Broadcasting System, and collect material for a new book to be published on his return.

His assignment will be to cover all phases of the color problem, politically and socially, as it will affect the post-war world.

AN INTERNATIONAL VIEW

"It won't just take in the problem as it affects the Negro," Ottley said, Monday, "but as it affects, in international terms, the peoples of India and China and other nations, in the postwar world."

He doesn't want his trip thought of as an individual assignment, but rather as an outgrowth of the constant struggle of the rank-and-file to be allowed to venture into wider fields of



ROI OTTLEY

endeavor and accomplishment.

He feels that the "New World A-Comin'" show on Sunday afternoons over WMCA, is fundamental proof to larger radio stations that there is not only a definite place for such program but that they draw wide and appreciative listening audiences.

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Thousands Await Freedom Rally

With the opening of the Western Front in Europe, the Negro Freedom Rally at Madison Square Garden, Monday evening, June 26, at 7:30 pm will take as its slogans "Back the Invasion," "Support Our Commander-in-Chief." Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, who welcomed to the city on Monday morning at City Hall the co-winners of "Miss Negro Victory Worker of 1944"—Miss Edna Rucker of Detroit, candidate of the powerful Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, and Miss

Aurelia Carter, of Yonkers, candidate of the Otis Elevator Local 453, UER&MWA-CIO—will be one of the principal speakers at the rally. Other prominent speakers will be Rev. Adam C. Powell, jr, Charles A. Collins, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis. Dr. Channing H. Tobias will be chairman.

Support for the meeting has gathered such momentum in all boroughs that a tremendous turnout at the Garden is a certainty. Over 2,000 persons are expected from nearby New Jersey; 1,500 from Westchester County. Special delegations are coming from Philadelphia, Bridgeport, Baltimore, Atlantic City, New Haven. From Detroit, the president and secretary of the Ford Local 600 UAW-CIO are flying to New York for the rally.

A striking feature of the meet-

ing will be the pageant NEW WORLD A-COMING, original script written by Owen Dodson after the book by that title. Dodson will also direct the pageant, which is being produced by Frank Griffin and Pearl Mullin Inc. with a cast of 100, featuring such stars as Canada Lee, Pearl Primus, Josh White, Abbie Mitchell, and others. The songs in the pageant, including several original numbers with music by Evelyn Arumburo and Ray Elliott, will be sung by the American Peoples Chorus, directed by Charles Lampkin, young Negro composer.

Thousands of trade unionists, members of civic and fraternal organizations are preparing to be there early to hear a PARADE OF BROADWAY STARS, headed by Paul Robeson, Victor Jory, Elizabeth Bergner, Irina Baranova, J. Edward Bromberg, Philip Loeb, David Leonard, and P. Jay Sidney.

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Richardson On Magazine

The Abyssinian Baptist Church announced Sunday, June 18, in a formal statement, its "deep regret in the loss of Ben Richardson as the assistant to the minister, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. While it is true that our minister and membership would do everything possible to retain Mr. Richardson, we did not want to stand in the way of a more lucrative position. Mr. Richardson is now a member of the Board of Editors of The Protestant at a salary much larger than that paid at our church."

The Rev. Mr. Powell added: "I am glad that Ben has achieved this much deserved advancement. I am further happy that he is still able to fill preaching and speaking engagements for me, both in the church and in the community."

The Rev. Mr. Richardson will continue his active work on the People's Committee, the People's Voice and the Powell for Congress Campaign.

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Schools to Eliminate Anti-Negro Textbooks

Immediate action will be taken to correct or eliminate all anti-Negro or otherwise undemocratic text books used in the school system, Dr. Stephen F. Bayne told a delegation of Negro and white citizens in conference last Thursday. Dr. Bayne, who is associate superintendent and chairman of the Curriculum Department of the Board of Education, made this pledge to Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, jr., who headed the delegation.

"Any text books which are objectionable or un-American which you or your committee or any other citizen call to our attention will be acted upon immediately," Dr. Bayne declared.

In the course of listing some of the proposals Councilman Davis read a passage from a book entitled "History of the American People," now in use in the school system. This passage which Davis characterized as outrageously inconsistent with truth and with the democratic traditions of the New York school system, said: "The rule of the Negro and his unscrupulous carpetbagger and scalawag patrons was an orgy of extravagance, fraud and disgusting incompetence."

Dr. Bayne and Dr. Jacob Greenberg who sat on the conference, both declared that this passage was wholly objectionable and action would be taken against use of it in the system. It was also agreed by Dr. Bayne and Dr. Greenberg in accordance with the

proposal of the group that the school Curriculum Committee would confer with a large group

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The \$64 Question: Is Jimcro Or Close Down for Wadleigh High?

By WILLIAM L. CARSON
Wadleigh High School, attended by both Negro and white prospective students, has already become an all Negro girls' school, and is fast becoming a "ghost school." Its total enrollment, normally about 2,000 reaches a low of 1,000 and its impending freshmen class promises to consist of only 50 pupils for the fall term.

As a result, Wadleigh may be closed entirely if some action is not taken. Many in the community feel that a segregated school is undemocratic and are against it.

DIVIDED VIEWPOINTS

Those of the community who are aware of this serious problem, see it from a divided point of view. Some say the school should be closed because it may set a precedent for Jimcro schools in New York. Others feel it should be left open for what good it can do. Still others bemoan the loss of any cultural institution to a community that is already poor. This latter group says it will only tend to further depress the area, and send it closer to a bleak condition.

Dorothy Peterson, a Wadleigh Negro teacher, explained how Wadleigh, in the last few years, had adjusted itself and developed a program to meet the needs and problems of Negro girls. She sees its closing as a great loss and a tragedy.

Says Miss Peterson: "If we permit Wadleigh to go, the only academic high school in our community already too burdened with poverty, ignorance and delin-

quency, we will be throwing out our most potent instrument for bringing up our children. Even primitive society guards its educative factors."

A GREAT GAIN

On the other hand, Frank E. Karlsen, Jr., at his office at 230 Park av., said: "If Wadleigh is closed, I think what the Negro people will gain, will be more than what they lose on the whole race problem. And from this point, on the Board of Education should adopt a policy of bringing about integrated populations in all high schools in order not to repeat the pattern of Wadleigh."

Karlsen, who is preparing a report on this situation for the Board of Education, and who is chairman of the Sub-Committee on Education and Recreation of the City Wide Citizens' Committee on Harlem, had only praise for Wadleigh as a school and for its principal, Margaret C. Byrne.

Said Mr. Karlsen, "I have seen Wadleigh, and it is administered extremely well. Its principal has sympathy, not only for the students, but for the Negro people as a whole. There is an excellent batch of students, and they conduct themselves well. The only unfortunate thing about it is that it's not an integrated democratic environment, in that it is all Negro."

SOLUTIONS SUGGESTED

Several solutions have been suggested. It is proposed that the High School of Music and Art, located on the edge of Harlem,

with a mixed student body and special courses that will attract all races, which buildings with dilapidated Wadleigh, since Music and Art needs more space locally. The other proposition is to turn Wadleigh into a vocational high with special courses that can not be duplicated elsewhere, as an attraction to students of all races.

But the Sub-Committee on Education sees this problem from a wider point of view. Here is how they size up the situation:

Jimcro housing has given rise to Negro ghettos. Elementary and junior high schools in Negro neighborhoods have therefore become nearly all Negro, because few young children can travel to non-Negro schools. This undesirable situation is unavoidable as long as housing supported by private capital, continues such segregation.

A number of high schools have become Jimcro. Wadleigh, originally built in a middle-class white neighborhood, has in the last ten years, been surrounded by an all-Negro population with a low income level.

DISCOURAGED ATTENDANCE

When the school was new, the school system discouraged Negro students from entering it, but when newer high schools were built in Manhattan and the Bronx in the late twenties, Negro students were encouraged to go to Wadleigh rather than to the newer schools.

To make it more difficult, some of the newer schools were sited geographically so that it became impossible for Negroes to attend them. Thus Wadleigh became a Negro school. Because the thinking people of the Negro community



Wadleigh Students on way to school—(PV foto).

recent segregation, the student population dropped.

The committee fears this pattern may repeat itself in other high schools. Morris High is 30 per cent Negro, and Benjamin Franklin 25 per cent. In each instance the white, as well as the Negro applications, decrease more rapidly than in schools with a smaller Negro population.

SHOULD HAVE CHOICE

To prevent this difficulty, the Committee believes that the school system should adopt a flexible plan which will leave to both Negro and white children, a wide choice of academic high schools which they wish to attend. At the same time, the school administration may bring about more integrated populations which shall more truly represent a cross-section of the community by channeling Negro students from various junior high schools into certain academic high

schools, and by instructing guidance counselors to have in mind this democratic objective.

It is also pointed out by them in sympathy with maintaining the school, regardless of the student complexion, that Wadleigh enjoy every facility and equipment of any other high school, and that there is no direct segregation of the part of the school system.

They say it would be just as ridiculous to close Wadleigh as to abandon the public libraries, hospitals, and other public institutions in any neighborhood the becomes densely populated by one racial group.

They believe it is our business to make Wadleigh the best, and doing so we will not necessarily be agreeing to segregation. To close Wadleigh, will work a hardship on community children who will have to travel out to other high schools.

A Homefront Invasion

William L. Carson, Bronx real estate broker, turned over to PV this week a photostat copy of a letter anonymously written threatening him with an "early FUNERAL . . . If another black son-of-a . . . moves in" the 1,700 block of Paulding av in the Bronx. The letter was dated June 1, and was mailed from Times Square June 6. Although Carson has appealed to the FBI, the Mayor and the local police, he has had no action as yet from

this street. PV's investigation reveals possible serious trouble if something is not done immediately to squash the efforts of some few individuals to stir the community.

Isadore D. Pilla, a real estate broker, 1049 Morris av., the Bronx, in an interview told a PV reporter that: "We do not like what Carson is doing." He says the property owners are fearful of a drop in value of their properties, that the business of the white operators is being ruined, and that the banks are refusing to grant mortgages, loans.

THREAT SUDDED

This sudden and violent threat was the first indication of any trouble brewing. There has been in the past, few incidents indicative of any adverse reaction to the presence of Negro tenants in

expressed his disapproval of the whole business. After some discussion he admitted that the direct and arbitrary control of properties through loans is an unjust monopoly. He did not think, however that the letter was sent by a broker.

Pilla said he also was a victim of rumor that accused him of going to Negroes. He denied ever having sold to a Negro buyer. I said some Negroes have lived the neighborhood for 15 years.

CHILDREN SET ALONG

Pilla was quick to suggest that the blame should be laid to the eternal antagonist—the Jew. He also expressed appreciation for Father Coughlin's theories. When it was pointed out to him that Italians as well as Jews and Negroes are victims of mass hatred, Pilla readily agreed and

visited to the homes of some the Negro families revealed that they have had little or no trouble during the three years they have lived there.

They cite a few instances of name calling by children, but explained that these same white children taught the company a friendship of the colored children. Carson's office and home is at 8 E 217 st, Bronx.

← PV REPRODUCES in the accompanying column the unsigned, threatening letter William L. Carson received through the mails.



FRONT

MAGISTRATE JOSEPH A. RAINEY of Philadelphia, affectionately called Joe by those who know him, because he is just a plain, down-to-earth man of the people, is one of his city's favorite public figures. This is his fourth term as a city magistrate. He began his career as a newspaperman and soon became a full time sports writer on the Philadelphia Record, one of America's big dailies. He still writes a weekly column on the Philadelphia Tribune. He entered politics during Governor Earle's regime and for years held the post of Athletic Commissioner. Although Joe Rainey is a member of many social groups, he likes to be associated with his activities in the N. ACP, the United People's Action Committee (UPAC), and Young America. He works closely with these groups fighting for the advancement of Negroes and other workers in the Philadelphia transit system. UPAC is a truly peoples organization engaged in a progressive program. Negroes and white, religious, labor and civic-minded work together in UPAC. Magistrate Rainey's grandfather went to Congress during the Reconstruction.

Department of Justice Seeks Clue to Mob Act

NEW IBERIA, La.—The United States Department of Justice was probing this week the fogging and running out of town several weeks ago of the most prominent Negro professional men, including all of the community's doctors after some of the white citizens resented the attempt of the local NAACP to open a welding school for Negro war workers.

The ousting by mob force of the town's Negro physicians led to the death of a woman patient who

had been operated upon by two of the doctors the day previous to the start of the reign of terror. Unable to get medical attention, she passed away the following day.

MARSHALL ON JOB

Department of Justice officials are conferring with A. J. Tureaud, legal representative of NAACP from this locality. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the national NAACP, is scheduled to arrive here Thursday.

It is thought that both Negro and white townspeople who may have information as to the real ringleaders of the incident are afraid to talk, indicating pressure has been exerted upon them from some higher source.

Jews Back Dickstein Bill

Max Perlow, acting national president of the Jewish People's Committee, issued a statement last week saying that his organization is "wholeheartedly in agreement with" and will support the House Concurrent Resolutions 92 "declaring it to be un-American to participate in activities to create racial or religious disunity." The resolution was introduced by Congressman Samuel Dickstein of New York.

Stolen Money Goes For War Bond Buy

Handed \$474 which had been stolen from a trunk in his attic and recovered by city detectives, Toby Howard sought the advice of the police officers on how to keep the money safely, Wednesday.

"You mean to say you haven't heard of the opening of the Fifth War Loan," queried Detective L. B. McCallum. Howard answered in the negative.

"Well come, I with me," the detective said. Howard is now the proud possessor of \$425 worth of Fifth War Loan Bonds.

Garment Workers in Boston

BOSTON (ANP)—At the 25th convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers union held at Hotel Statler May 29 to June 9 many Negro members took an important part in the sessions. Allan Jackson, of Local 80, New York City, made a motion that the convention "go on record voicing its disapproval of the discrimination of the armed forces of our country."

Lower GOP Negro Delegates

CHICAGO—According to the Associated Negro Press, Negro delegates and 27 alternates from 18 states and the District of Columbia, will attend the Republican national convention which opens here next Monday. ANP estimated 1,059 delegates in with an equal number of alternates will be the convention to.

An usual, Mississippi's delegation headed by Perry W. Howard is expected to form the largest single group of Negroes. Howard has four delegates and five alternates who may face an ouster the result of a contest, which according to ANP, is a "foregone conclusion."

ANP also stated that "an old time political observer who chose to remain unidentified" decried the drop in the number of Negroes attending the convention. The press release revealed further that the opinion here is that Negro delegates will favor John W. Bricker of Ohio over Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, as a Presidential nominee, mainly because of Dewey's stance on the New York State FEPC.

NAACP Gives Biddle Papers In Vote Ban

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Affidavits of seven persons who were denied the right to vote in the regular Democratic primary elections in Mobile, Ala., May 2, have been presented to Attorney General Francis Biddle by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel. The affidavits were made by Napoleon Rivers, Ramond H.

Perry, Taylor, Berroughs, Dr. John E. Taylor, Albert B. Davis, James G. Battle and Bennie D. Nelson.

"In view of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Smith v. Allwright*," Marshall wrote, "we request prosecution of the officers involved, including Deputy Sheriff Frank Pryor and Under Sheriff William H. Holmes for violation of Section 52 of Title 18 of the United States Code."

DENIED ANYWAY

"On April 3, 1944, we requested you to instruct all United States attorneys as to the implications of the decision in the case of *Smith v. Allwright*. We also requested you to communicate this opinion to all officers of the Democratic party in states which had previously pre-

vented Negroes from voting primary elections.

"Since that time, Negroes have been denied the right to vote in the Democratic primary elections in Alabama and Florida. The chairman of the Democratic party in Georgia has advised all local officials to refuse to accept ballots of qualified Negro electors in the Georgia primary."

Declaring that the request for the enforcement of the Supreme Court opinion "is squarely in the Department of Justice," Marshall asserted:

"Unless affirmative action taken by the Department of Justice, the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Smith v. Allwright* will be ignored throughout the areas of this country which have previously denied Negroes the right to vote."

Party Rallies Get Negro Demands

Negro demands of Negro voters were cited in a message sent to both the Republican and Democratic national conventions by representatives of 25 national organizations who met in New York City June 17. A statement, issued by Louise McDonald of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; Dr. Max Yergan of the Council on African Affairs; and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP for the committee, included the following points:

- opposition to a negotiated peace with the enemy, and the crushing of "Hitlerism at home as well as abroad";
- "the right to vote in every state, unrestricted by poll taxes, white primaries, or any white party conventions" or any other device of disfranchisement;
- "a democratic program for the integration of all Americans into unsegregated military forces and supporting federal legislation designed to secure all men and women in the armed forces the peaceful enjoyment of all rights of citizenship in every American community";
- political and economic democracy in Africa, India, the West Indies and all colonial areas, and the establishment of a foreign policy which recognizes China as an "equal ally" and opposes exploitation of darker races by the white;

• "the party or candidate who refuses to help control prices, or fails to support the extension of social security, or opposes an enlarged and unsegregated program of government-financed housing, or refuses to support a progressive public program for full post war employment, or seeks to destroy organized labor is as much the enemy of Negroes as he who would prevent Negroes from voting";

• any candidate for President or Vice-President of varillating or reactionary character or with an anti-Negro record will be "rigorously opposed by Negro voters."

Organizations whose representatives signed the message in addition to those mentioned above were: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; AME and AME Zion Churches; Am'n of Colored Railway Trainmen and Locomotive Firemen; International Am'n of Railway Employees, Birmingham, Ala.; Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Delta Sigma Theta sorority; Elna (HPEOKW); International Longshoremen's Am'n; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Methodist Church; Nat'l Am'n of Colored Graduate Nurses; Nat'l Bar Am'n; Nat'l Council of Negro Women; Nat'l Maritime Union; Negro Labor Committee (CNO-AFL); Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities; People's Movement; Progressive Voters' League; Social Action Committee of CME Church; UAW-CIO.

SOAPBOX by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

[On Monday, June 18th, at Town Hall, the Editor-in-Chief of "The People's Voice" received the Doris Miller and Meyer Levine award for being the Negro who has done the most for better relations between the Negroes and Jews in 1945. This award was presented by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists of which Albert Einstein is chairman. The following is the acceptance speech of Dr. Powell]:



NEW YORK

THE NEGRO AND THE JEW have for the past centuries held the unenviable and dubious honor of being the scapegoats of Western Civilization. Whenever the crackpots of humanity have looked for some victim upon which to vent their inhuman and unjustifiable wrath, they have inevitably chosen the Jew and Negro. This has been true whether the Hitlers were of the old continent or of this continent. We have been consistently victimized, exploited, mocked and murdered by the same barbaric minds and beastial hearts. In the old world and in the new, the common burden has been placed upon our weary backs. We have been forced to live in ghettos, denied civil liberties, considered 20th century serfs, our customs ridiculed, our religious beliefs mocked, our racial ambitions misunderstood. We have been condemned to the category of second class citizens. But today there is a new spirit coming into the earth from out of the ghettos of the old world—a fighting Jew. From out of the ghettos of America there has arisen a New Negro—a fighting Negro. Today the fighting New Negro salutes the fighting New Jew.

This fighting New Negro was among the first to go ashore and breach the Atlantic wall, to float from the

skies as a paratrooper, to sweep into Rome as an engineer. Somewhere in the Old World at some God-forsaken crossroad, the fighting black man of the United States will keep his rendezvous and meet face to face the fighting guerrilla Jew.

Not only abroad but here on the home front we will fight by your side. Our destiny is common. You may have been beaten on the streets of Dorchester yesterday. We are being beaten on the streets of Cambridge today. You may have been beaten on Washington Heights yesterday. We are being beaten on the streets of Louisiana today.

We cannot divorce anti-Semitism and jimcraism. Both are dark spots on the red, white and blue of this nation. The American conscience must know no peace until these blots have been removed.

Whenever and wherever the challenge has come or will come, I will answer it. I have fought anti-Semitism as an Editor and Publisher of the "People's Voice," as a member of the City Council of this town and as a Christian minister. I have not only preached in synagogues and given up my pulpit to Rabbis, but around the Communion Table during the month of May in my church, Jews and Negroes took communion together. I refused to let people call Jews Christ killers, because I know that Jews were Christ creators.

Finally, I plead with you that, just as I don't judge your entire race by the deeds or words of any group or individual, so do not mine.

We are fighting a peoples' war. We are going to win a peoples' peace. We are going to live in a peoples' world. May we forge ever closer bonds of brotherhood.

Bruce Workers Rebel Openly; Seek Direction from Powell

Smoldering revolt against 12th Assembly District Leader Herbert L. Bruce flared into open blaze Sunday afternoon when some 200 Bruce political workers met with Adam Clayton Powell, candidate for Congress, at the Witka Club, 222 W 145 st, and agreed upon a bill of particulars which issued a barrage of criticism against Bruce and his leadership of the 12th A.D.

The meeting had been called by Powell at the request of former Bruce workers who are displeased with the district leader's refusal to go along with the Democratic party. Powell stressed his part in calling the political workers together—"I am serving as spearhead of this meeting because of my desire to work with anyone who sincerely wants to go forward and accomplish things. My role in this new move is limited today. I have called you together today. I have added in helping to set forth your program of action. From now on, you are on your own, except that I will be available for any future assistance I may give."

Powell told the group that his intention has always been to work with all groups who show that they have the welfare of the community at heart. He invited all former Bruce workers and supporters to join in the revolt movement, again expressing his desire to work with all groups.

The meeting developed into an insurgent protest against Bruce and his handling of the duties of district leader. Chief action taken was the naming of a steering com-

mittee—Daisie Y. Anderson, Dr. Hudson Oliver, Joseph Ford—which drew up a Bill of Particulars which outlined the complaints against Bruce and his leadership.

The group called for unseating of Bruce, the electing of a new leader and co-leader, support of Roosevelt for a fourth term, the election of Powell as Congress, the election of Harry C. Bragg as Assemblyman from the new 12th Assembly District.

Powell presided over the meeting, sharing chairmanship with Bragg. In his brief remarks, Powell stressed the fact that the 12th A.D. has no "regular Democratic organization," due to Bruce's refusal to go along with the party in its designation of Powell as Congressional candidate. The remainder of the meeting was given over to remarks from the floor by the persons present, with heavy criticism of Bruce and his tactics.

Candidate Bragg spoke briefly, acknowledging the expressions of support for his candidacy, bespeaking his appreciation of this assistance and outlining his program for the district when elected. Bragg was formerly assistant attorney-general for New York State and has a long record of active

Council To Consider Compensation Bill

The State, County and Municipal Workers of America, New York District, announced Tuesday that there would be introduced into the City Council a local law which will bring all city employees within the coverage of the Workmen's Compensation Law. In a statement issued by the union, Mr. James V. King, New York District President, said:

"Our organization has long been endeavoring to have legislation passed which will provide adequate protection against injury and accident to all city workers. We feel that there is no justification for the present discrimination against such protection which prevails. For the last several years, we have been attempting to get such a bill adopted by the New York State Legislature. We have been working along the same lines as Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs and we are extremely happy to announce that he is to introduce such a measure."

Bruce received another setback Tuesday noon when a steering committee of three persons met with Edward Loughlin, NY County Democratic chairman, who said:

"The Democratic Party still stands solidly behind Adam C. Powell, Jr. and will not countenance any defections in the ranks."

Missouri White Student For Admission of Negroe

COLUMBIA, Mo.—White students of the University of Missouri last week voiced their approval of the admission of Negroes to the state-financed institution through a petition conducted under the sponsorship of the minorities commission of the Mortor Board Postwar Planning committee.

Of the total of 360 expressing an opinion, 61.5 per cent favored the admission of Negroes as regular students, 22.5 per cent were opposed, 6.6 per cent favored admission to professional schools only, 2.18 per cent favored admission of Negroes to graduate school only, and 5.5 per cent favored admission of Negroes to both professional and graduate schools.

Formed only a month ago, the

commission is composed of students in the university and sponsored several educational activities on the racial problem since then. It distributed copies "The Races of Mankind," a book written by two Columbia University anthropologists and sponsored the showing of the "Negro Soldier" a War Department film.

Virgin Islands Stirred

Editors of the two leading Virgin Islands newspapers have been jailed and the inhabitants of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, are threatening a general uprising because of dissatisfaction over the local administration's handling of a recent murder trial, according to a telegram received in New York by Ashley L. Totten, president of the American Virgin Islands Civic Association.

The trouble is said to have started about May 31 when Andre Thompson, 40, a poor native was allegedly shot and killed by Harry Bentley, a member of the upper classes, who was tried without a jury and acquitted by Federal Judge Herman E. Moore, Totten stated.

Editors Canute Brodherst of the ST. CROIX AVIS and P. E. Joseph of the WEST END NEWS protested the trial procedure as contrary to American standards of justice and were sent to jail for these statements, Totten declared.

The various Virgin Islands organizations of this city must work to demand intervention and investigation by the Departments of Justice and Interior.

Newspaper Publishers Convention Discusses Major World Problems

Publishers of forty major Negro newspapers throughout the country, coming from as far West as Los Angeles and as far South as Dallas, Texas, and Atlanta, Ga., met at the W 125 at YMCA for four days last week to discuss problems facing the Negro people.



AMONG THE BUSIEST PERSONS at the Negro Publishers Association 14th annual conference which met here from June 15 through 18 were members of the Propaganda Committee shown here. They are (l to r) N. A. Swartz, St. Louis American; Cecil Newman, Minneapolis Spokesman; D. Arnett Murphy, Afro-American; Louis Washington, Los Angeles Sentinel; Mrs. Robert A. Vann, Pittsburgh Courier. Standing, L. E. Austin, Carolina Times. (PV foto).

and, after hearing panel reports, took a positive stand on such issues as the Poll Tax, FEPC, price control, "white primary" issue in Southern states, collaboration with the colored peoples of the world and participation in the war and the need of a common need in the fight for justice.

Highlight of the confab was a speech by Dr. Max Lerner, editorial writer for the PM, who was guest lecturer at the publishers' 14th annual dinner at the Hotel Roosevelt last Friday night.

PUBLISHERS' TASKS

Blaming publishers of the powerful daily press of the country for excluding Negro publishers from their ranks, Dr. Lerner said that the association was "formed

Outlining the issues facing the world, Dr. Lerner said that "groceries plus peace equal freedom." "In the post-war world, he said, we need a great press had a mature people which will not 'invest silence with sanctity.' The task of publishers, the lecturer continued, is to help people fight for freedom and equality, help them understand that the fight must be carried on within the framework of the larger, international fight; and when finally

the victory is won, to make certain that the people are not too uneducated to enjoy their freedom.

"Things that are dying in this world," Dr. Lerner contended, "will not die unless you help make them die. Things being born, will not be born unless you help usher them in."

ARMED FORCES

The convention turned much attention to problems involving the armed forces which cause increasingly strained relations between the races. They included discrimination against Negro women in the WAVES, discrimination against soldiers in finding transportation to and from Army camps while they are on leave and the Army's failure to put more Negro troops in combat as Negro units rather than as adjuncts to white units. Another question occupied much time was criticism on the reluctance motion picture industry to portray the Negro as he really appears in the nation's life.

The publishers were guests of Dr. C. B. Powell, publisher of the Amsterdam News, at a party given at the Hotel Roosevelt Saturday afternoon, at which time Governor Dewey was the honored guest. John Sengstacke, the Chicago Defender, was also present.

Social Action Leader

Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary of the New York Urban League, was elected a member of the social action committee of the National Conference of Social Work at their recent meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. The conference represents some 1,000 social workers in every field of endeavor.

Tuskegee Pilot Killed

TUSKEGEE ARMY AIR FIELD, Ala.—Second Lt. George E. Hayes of Los Angeles, was killed while making a routine cross country combat training mission near Birmingham, June 11, according to the public relations office here.

The young pilot was flying a single-engine fighter craft at the time of the mishap. A board of qualified army air force officers has been appointed to investigate and determine the exact cause of the accident.

Lt. Hayes, a former student of the University of California, has a brother in the army air service, serving as a fighter pilot at the Walterboro Army Air Field, in South Carolina.

He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. George L. Hayes of Los Angeles, and was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Prior to his enlistment in the service, which was by appointment as an aviation cadet, he was employed in the terminal annex at Los Angeles.



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A Practical Demonstration in Democracy

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

TO THE American Communications Association, a ship is a ship in the service of the American people, and when a call comes in to the hiring hall of this union for one of its 3,700 members to serve the country's ships, an operator is sent and no questions are asked of his race, his color or his religion. And today ACA is calling on Negro youth to take advantage of the new economic horizons it is helping to open up for the post-war period as well as opportunities to answer their country's call for much needed manpower.

At present ACA has 37 Negro radio operators, officers all, serving on ships in every theatre of war in every section of the world. They man not all-Negro ships, but they are found on all the companies' ships, eating, sleeping, living and dying with their white comrades like real Americans.

"What bothers us," said District Organizer Murray Winocur, in his office down 5 Backman st., "is that there are only 37. It shows we have only begun to crack the surface."

Just outside Winocur's office facing the public hallway of the building, hangs a huge sign bearing a statement from ACA's constitution. It reads: "There shall be no prejudice or discrimination against any person on account of race, color, sex or religion, or political belief or affiliation."

Little did Winocur know how deep beneath the surface of discrimination his union had already cut. By sending its Negro operators indiscriminately onto ships with white crews, ACA has been demonstrating the fallacy of the practice of jimcrow in the Armed Forces. Life magazine recently proudly carried a picture spread on 13 US Navy officers, all Negroes, who were to be placed on an all-Negro ship. ACA's experience proves this practice is not only undemocratic but unwarranted.

Many of ACA's members are



"ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE FIND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY," is more than a grouping of words down at the American Communications Association where men and women, too, are welcome to participate in all of the activities of the organization. ACA is crying for more and more students to take full advantage of important courses offered not only to fill necessary jobs during wartime, but to carry on in the peacetime to follow. Not only is there no discrimination on account of race, but there is also no discrimination on account of sex. One woman is already a qualified radio officer. Another qualified for the training course just last week. They'll be sailing ships just like men in the days to come. ACA truly practices what it preaches—(Pahn foto).

Southern white men, yet they offer no objection to sharing the ship's bunking quarters and mess rooms with their colored mates. And Winocur says there has been no record of race conflict with ACA men.

The ACA is the only communications union that not only hires Negroes but makes it a definite policy to fight companies for employment plus full equality for Negroes. AFL Radio Officers Union does not take Negroes.

Winocur's union had no wait until it approached its present strength until it got its chance to crack at jimcrow. It began in 1931 and struggled along unrecognized until about 1935 when it tied up some ships and got a few agreements. The SS Manhattan was its

biggest ship about that time. Shortly after this the whole marine and waterfront industry became organized. ACA like its affiliate, the National Maritime Union, took an active stand against jimcrow.

On Winocur's desk lay a copy of a telegram he had just sent out to 10 United States Senators Jan. 12, on the postponement of the FEPC appropriation bill. He had telegraphed, "Any Senator who favors postponement or delays away Saturday, will be on our records as an enemy of democracy."

Although Winocur's local is but one of the two strictly marine locals, the 37 Negro radio officers have come entirely from his Atlantic coast branch. This local assigns more operators to the mer-

chant marine than any other union. He thinks it is not enough merely to declare by word of mouth or contribution against jimcrow, but believes there should be active effort to put this policy into action.

The biggest problem today seems to be that Negroes are not training for radio communication. For years there were few because there was no place for them. This is not true today and ACA is calling on Negroes as well as others to train. One Negro officer explained he had had a license in 1921 but no place to work. He finally got a job but it was with a black crew. Cecil Blackman said this black crew manned the SS General Gotha, the Garvey ship that was to take the American Negro back to Africa. He has been on

the Liberty ship Booker T. Washington, since she struck the water.

I asked how one could become an operator. It was explained one might apply for admission to Gollups Island training school, Gollups Island, Mass. Here one trained in six months and received \$66 per month while training. P.S. 20 a course is given as part of the War Training Program under the supervision of the Bureau of Education. Besides this, the YMCA give courses in radio. Gollups Island there is no Jim Crow barracks.

On board ship radio operators receive in pay from \$275 to \$350 per month plus food and board, and free insurance and hospitalization. The War Shipping Administration rates them as officers.

At ACA headquarters the premium goes: "Name your race, nationality and religion, and you will find it here." ACA's members include Chinese, Negro, Puerto Ricans, Arabians, American Indians, Czechs, Irish, Italian and Jews. Negroes are active in the political life and administration of the union.

Of the 37 Negro officers who are now in ACA, Chief Organizer Winocur had but praise. He said they have "kept them sailing" on all routes in all areas of the world to every country and clime. They have kept them through sub, air, bombing attacks. Not one has been up on charges. Their men want to make good first because they want to win the war and because they want to open the way for the realization of greater democracy in America.

Winocur pointed out that there is a definite future in the marine service for young ambitious Negroes even after the war. He said the post-war program of the CIO Maritime Committee is "Full employment and full utilization of all men."



DOWN AT THE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION where democracy is not limited to the usual lip service, Chief Organizer Murray Winocur watches Radio Operators Mander Eng and Emmet May demonstrate a receiving and sending set. In pic two, Radio Officer Jerry Augustus and Chief Winocur scan the bulletin board which keeps the boys posted with the day-to-day world. In pic three, Chief Winocur dispatches to their respective ships a group of officers



including (l to r) Carl Lundquist, Alfred Popwell, Cecil Blackman and Corby Paxton. This union, which supplies more men to the communications end of the Marine Service than any other organization, has said to it that 37 Negro officers sail ships indiscriminately and feels that it has only scratched the service in its fight for democracy—(PV-fotos).



ALL WOMEN RIVETERS at the Lockheed plane plant at Burbank, Calif., have been challenged by Elizabeth Vernade (1) and Chae Glover, riveting team to beat their record of 164 rivets in 120 seconds, not recently. The young women work on bomb bay doors for the PV-1 Ventura bomber, among the first American planes consistently to smash the Japanese homeland of Pearl Harbor. northernmost bastion of the Nippon home defense.—(Foto from OWI).

Bias Fight in Northwest

After a month's tour of the Pacific Northwest, with intensive work in Washington and Oregon, Edward Dudley, member of the legal staff of the NAACP said last week plans were under way in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, and Spokane to combat the wave of Jim Crowism which is sweeping the conservative section on the heels of the great migration of southern Negroes and whites.

Dudley conferred with Governor Langlie of Washington, with Attorney General Nease of Oregon, Mayor Riley of Portland, Mayor Johnson and City Prosecutor Grimm of Pasco, Wash., also with State Senator Hecchen of Washington.

In Portland Mr. Dudley met with Henry J. Kaiser at his huge shipyard and reports that although there is no Jim Crow in the Kaiser works, or cafeterias for workers, or housing projects, the bulimakers union is forcing Negroes into a Jim Crow auxiliary as a price for working. Those who refuse to join the auxiliary are fired under the closed shop contract.

Union's Case In Final Stages

PROVIDENCE (ANP) — Witnesses for the respondents in superior court, where six Negroes seek a permanent injunction to restrain the "Boys' Club" union, AFL, from any discriminatory practices because of race, color were heard last week by Judge Patrick P. Curran.

The first witness called by the respondents was James N. Williams, executive secretary of the Providence Urban League, in an effort to find out the activity and influence of the league in the filing of the injunction petitions. Mr. Williams stated that he had advised the workers, but that they arrived at their own decision, and that his actions were in keeping with the policies and purposes of the Urban League.

Under cross examination by Mr. LeCourt, it was brought out that the union was still having cards and receipts to Negroes as "auxiliary" members, and Mr. LeCourt said that he believed this to be contrary to the restraining order

Freedom Rally Endorsed

One of the largest labor unions in the city, United Electrical, Radio, Machine Workers of America, District 4, has added its unanimous endorsement to the Negro Freedom Rally which is being given at Madison Square Garden, July 26.

Women Are Hired As Car Cleaners

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A new experiment in the way of street car cleaning service was announced here last week when blue-uniformed Negro women appeared for the first time in the city's history as street car cleaners.

The women made their appearance at five terminals. Their job, according to information from local transportation boards, will be to clean all cars that were not cleaned during the night at the car barn. The appearance of the women in the employ of the Kansas City Public Service company has been labeled as a tryout to make up for the manpower short-

MMU Signs Keystones

The National Maritime Union announced last week the signing of a collective bargaining agreement with the Keystone Shipping Company, one of the largest American flag tanker companies.

Double or Nothing

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Negro members of the Junior auxiliary of the Bakersham Union pay twice as much for insurance as the white members of the regular locals, it was testified here June 14 by William Dudley, international vice-president of the union.

Dudley's testimony came at the close of a four-week hearing in superior court before Judge Patrick P. Curran, on a suit to secure a permanent injunction against auxiliary unions in this state. Negro workers at the Walsh-Kaiser shipyards here brought the suit after their ballots were thrown out in a union election last December.

In January they secured a temporary injunction issued by Judge Alexander Churchill. The Negro workers are represented by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, and Joseph LeCourt of this city. Counsel for both sides will file briefs with the court June 21 and at that time will decide whether closing arguments will be made.

"Working Papers" Clinics Opened

In order to provide additional consultation facilities for the summertime rash of minors applying for working papers, six temporary mercantile clinics will be opened June 18, at district health centers of the New York City Health Department.

These clinics, which will operate Mondays through Fridays until July 14, will be located as follows: Manhattan—Lower West Side Health Center, 200 Ninth av., 1-4 pm; Central Harlem Health Center, 2235 Fifth av., 9 am to 12 noon; Bronx, Mott Haven Health Center, 345 E. 146 st., 1-4 pm; Brooklyn, Williamsburg, Greenpoint Health Center, 151 Mauger

First Negro Serves On AFL Local Board

NEW ORLEANS—The first Negro to serve on the executive board of a southern AFL local was elected here at the convention of Intl. Bro. of Firemen & Oilers employed on the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

The new member is Moses Turner, chairman of the Louisiana Assn. for Progress of Negro Citizens, a temporary organization set up last year to secure to Louisiana Negroes the voting privilege denied them through the white primary system.

st. 1-5 pm; Red Hook Health Center, 250 Baltic st., 1-4 pm; and Queens, Corona Health Center, 34-33 Junction Boulevard, Jackson Heights, 1-4 pm.

LABOR looks AHEAD

by FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

VICE-PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE has long been a key target of the anti-FDR, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, anti-Labor and anti-war forces. The Hearst-McCormick-Patterson axis has been steadily grinding out an endless stream of abuse and ridicule in a vain attempt to counteract the great esteem and admiration in which Wallace is held throughout the world.



Ferdinand Smith

The more Wallace expounds the principles of the common man the more violent become the denunciations in the gutter press.

I'm sure another bombardment of ridicule from these defeatist sources will greet the views set down by Wallace in a new pamphlet entitled "Our Job in the Pacific."

In this small pamphlet Wallace states the case for a Free Asia and the advantage to America of promoting the political and economic freedom of India, the Dutch East Indies, Burma, Malaya and Indo-China.

He states categorically, "In urging a realistic approach to the problem by the U. S.:

"Asia's need after the war will be for capital and technical assistance. America's need will be to utilize fully our greatly expanded industrial capacity. Orderly and continuous progress on both sides of

matching up both kinds of need for the benefit of everyone concerned."

He adds: "It is to our interest that there should be a ladder of evolution upward out of colonial subjection and coolie economics to self-government and an economy of opportunity and reward."

The anti-labor crowd in America won't like Wallace's arguments for full employment. The Negro people have a direct stake in this demand by organized labor.

Wallace's hard-hitting facts will bolster the current drive for full utilization of our "greatly expanded industrial capacity."

They will at the same time spur the efforts in many quarters to eliminate the shackles of economic and political enslavement in the colonial countries.

Wallace correctly asserts that "discrimination against racial minorities in our own country does incalculable harm to the cause of freedom in Asia."

Do the Negro people need any stronger argument for working closely with the trade unions and progressive whites in the fight to eradicate Jim Crow and anti-Semitism?

I believe that the American people are very fortunate that FDR has as his right hand man a statesman and humanitarian like Wallace. They make an unbeatable team whose goal is the advancement of the little people of the world.

I strongly recommend Wallace's pamphlet to all persons sincerely interested in building a better world. It costs 25 cents and may be secured from the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations.

Richardson Speaks of Powell

I LEFT THE EMPLOY of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, the largest Negro Protestant church in the world, last week. My leaving was not a break with the church or its good minister as one metropolitan Negro weekly scurrilously tried to imply. My parting was wreathed in deep and beautiful mutual sorrow. I love the people of that great church and they love me. We served well together. My new position with the "Protestant" and its editor, Kenneth Leslie, who has earned the title: "Fascism's Arch Foe," represents a tremendous step forward for me and for my race through me.

The dynamic of my ministry at this time, in my life is found in the war against those who hate. Anti-Semitism is a crime against God and man. To fight it is to fight the battle of all oppressed peoples. The Negroes' cause is well served by these means. Anti-Semitism is fascism. Fascism is death to all minorities. I am pledged to war against it.

As I walk out of the pulpit of this, a real people's church, I want to say these things about my friend and colleague . . . its pastor, Adam Clayton Powell, jr. Adam Powell is by all odds one of the most useful men in America today. He has the natural equipment, requisite for leadership and service. He thinks correctly. His sympathies are tuned to the needs of humanity and his indomitable physical energy enables him to answer the perpetual demands of those who call.

Powell's religion is practical and elegantly profound. His soul is sunk deep in the well-springs of prophetic faith and his speech is whetted to the finesse that makes him one of the most incisive orators in the American pulpit. Adam Powell's candidacy for the Congress of the United States from the 22nd Congressional District of New York comes as the natural consequence of his tireless quest for added

service. Congress will be one more avenue of protest.

When Powell said he would serve the interests of the Negro first, he meant exactly what he said. No one is better qualified than he to say this. Powell has fought for persecuted Jews, outraged Puerto Ricans, disfranchised Southern whites, heroic Russians, maligned Protestants and ridiculed Catholics. He stands always ready to fight for the underdog of any race or creed. Powell is a Negro . . . he will serve their interests . . . and none will suffer slight thereby.

The planks in his platform were first of all articles of his personal creed. He will fight in his relentless, fearless way for a National Civil Rights Bill, the abolition of jimcrow in all of its forms and in all places, for the establishment of a permanent FEPC, the abolition of the Poll Tax, for labor, for minorities, for an early end to the war and a real people's peace to follow.

Because these things are true, I enjoyed my work at the Abyssinian Church. The officers and members accepted me as a progressive individual who thought and said the things that seemed to me to be true. I had a contribution to make and made it. The church had a gift in experience to give me. It did. Now I move on. In my leaving, the members, officers and Ministers are more certain than ever that their calls for me will be answered with the same unselfish loyalty of my yesterdays in their midst. Powell's need of my services in his campaign will be met with the enthusiasm of one who knows what it will mean to the nation to have him in its halls of legislature.

Ben Richardson

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One God--One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

THE BIBLE . . . IN THE HANDS OF GOOD MEN
A real source of power, energy and Godliness. In the hands of good men it becomes a weapon of persecution. Men have fought and fought very bravely, drawn each other's blood, been maimed and tortured . . . because they differed over the meaning of some text, fact or shade of opinion.

BIBLE AND PERSECUTIONS

The history of anti-Semitic persecution . . . is at once the history of the Christian Church. Ever since the days immediately following the death of Christ . . . Jews have suffered the brunt of the Christian's ire . . . not done for the distorted fact of the Crucifixion but also because the Jew has not accepted the New Testament of the Bible.

RICHARDSON

In the course of church history . . . there are myriad instances when Catholics have crushed Protestants to the ground and in turn Protestants have been just as violent in their department of Catholicism . . . and when both have been even more violent in their oppression of those who have altogether rejected these two great divisions of Christendom.

IN HANDS OF EVIL MEN

If a survey of the years since the writing of the Bible were made it would be clearly evident that it has been in the hands of more evil than good men . . . at least in the hands of more evil men in power and the resultant sufferings of humanity would be found to reflect this fact.

Such a survey would also show that the average person in the street can read the Bible better than his ancient brother . . . but because of the stupid limitations of the Pulpit, the Synod, the Conference, the Convention, the Hierarchy, the Episcopate and any other authoritative ecclesiastical body that denies the people the truth . . . full uninhibited . . . the people of this day know very little more about the Bible than those of the days when it was considered a sin to inquire about the Holy writ.

BIBLE NO MYSTERY

Some ministers of all faiths are afraid they will lose their power of conversion if they seek to clearly understand the Bible . . . where it was written, by whom and why. They think the lack of this knowledge adds to their faith. It does add . . . but not to their faith . . . rather to their confusion and the confounding of all who follow their leadership.

The Bible is no mystery. There are thousands of Books that will give anyone who cares to read them all the facts that are known to date about it. These facts may not agree with what the Catholic Church teaches . . . they do not teach all the true facts about the Bible. They may not agree with what the Protestant Church teaches either . . . they do not teach all the truth. Instead there will be the facts gleaned by unbiased scholarship. Some of the writers will be Christian . . . many will not. But from them will be gained the needed information which in a real sense . . . will make a Catholic a better Catholic . . . and a Protestant a real Protestant.

Generally speaking neither is either today. These facts will obviate the misunderstandings that have enabled Christians to persecute Jews in the name of Christ. They will give the actual historical proof for what is true and the mythical or legendary basis for that which is not. Nothing of the sacredness of the Bible will be sacrificed but with this increased understanding . . . will come new respect for the divine inspiration of the religious souls who created it.

THIS IS YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITY

There are one hundred and one different youth Christian and non-Christian groups. All of them are missing the point if they don't get down to the business of learning the truth about that faith they profess and so ardently craved for. The ignorance of yesterday must not remain their plaguing heritage. They need the source books of science . . . literature, art and the allied subjects that constitute their academic training . . . And they must do so lest for them which will give them the proper knowledge of religious life.

Between the two, I think it more vital at this stage of their lives to get this whole matter of Religion pretty well settled. If they don't, it will worry them the remaining days they spend on Earth. Youth will either accept the bunk screamed from many pulpits Sunday after Sunday or like so many tragic . . . but desperate young people, they will give up all together and stay at home to see if Dick Tracy has caught the Summer sisters. And for all the good some sermons do the people . . . the Tracy issue bids us competition.

THIS FINAL WORD

Knowledge is power. The virtue of religion is its power to add to the total of our living . . . to make each day a more useful day to others and to us. For such living we need religion . . . with its clearly stated understandings and as always the residual of the unknown and yet believed . . . That is where faith comes in.

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PRO:

Ferdinand Smith
Nat. Sec., N.M.U.,
NYC

THE REPUBLICANS have become ridiculous through the years by trying to hold the Negro vote by riding on the back of Abraham Lincoln, who was great in spite of any party. Now they seek new deceptions. Jimcro in the army has been but a part of the American caste system and Republicans have slept indifferent to it.

Now they would make a campaign issue of it. Have they proposed or passed any bills to remove jimcro in the army? Have they condemned it? When Roosevelt attacked jimcro in war industries by his FEPC measure, his opponents started a "kill it" movement that still works night and day. Can you imagine them supporting equality in the armed forces? They are dishonest and insincere. Let's see how the President stands on this measure. All progress made in this direction has come out of his administration:—mixed trainees in officers training camps; Negro officers and men in the Navy for the first time in centuries; Negro women in uniform; a Brigadier General for the first time; Liberty ships named after Negro Heroes and manned by Negro and mixed crews with Negro captains; Negro foreign correspondents; Negro air squadrons sharing the honors and glories of war-time heroes and, among many other improvements, Negro Marines, and Negro and white mixed together in the United States Coast Guard units. Under FDR jimcro gets a hot foot everywhere.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Edited by LLEWELLYN RANSOM

The political opponents of President Roosevelt are seeking to capture the Negro vote by blaming him for jimcro in the Armed Forces. Do you think he is to be blamed?

CON:

Correll M. Ellis
Pres. National News Co.,
Chicago

I AM NOT anti-Roosevelt; I am in sympathy with the New Deal past and his present leadership for peace and universal brotherhood; but on the issue of military equality in the Armed Forces I feel that President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces, and holding extraordinary powers in wartime, has

failed to exercise his powers adequately. I'll go further. I don't recall any public record of any stand he has ever taken against jimcro in the Army. There might be political justification for his silence if this question were sufficiently obscure to justify neglect in the face of major war-time issues. But in view of its national and international implications, I think segregating citizens of a democracy simply because of a color difference and particularly while they are offering their very lives to combat a world menace brought to power on the false doctrine of race superiority, stands out among the first of the major issues of this war. Brazil has just sent its first expeditionary force to Europe, with black and white soldiers and officers marching in the same equality in which their country lets them live as civilians. One billion and a half of the world's two billion population are colored people. If FDR is to exercise effective leadership in bringing these people into world unity on the side of democracy, he will have to start at home.



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**Summer Milk Drive
Opened by ILD**

Continuing for the nineteenth year its work of aid to labor and political prisoners and their families, the International Labor Defense this week opened its 1944 Summer Milk Drive Campaign.

Proceeds of the campaign, which was announced by Congressman Vito Marcantonio, president of the I.L.D., will go to send additional summer funds to the families of labor and political prisoners and of labor's martyrs, and to replenish the year-round fund from which prisoners and their families are aided.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

THE WORLD SALUTES heroic China as she enters her eighth—and perhaps final—year of epic resistance to Japanese aggression, on July 7.

The world little knows the extent of barbarities inflicted upon the Chinese people by the Japanese militarists. It is particularly ill-informed regarding the Communist-led Chinese guerrillas—the Eighteenth Group (formerly Eighth Route) and New Fourth armies—and the colossal job they have been doing in Ferdinand Smith the border regions behind the Japanese lines.



Some 300,000 square miles of China are occupied by the invaders. In two thirds of that area the Chinese guerrilla armies are operating. Numbering nearly 300,000 armed fighters, the largest guerrilla force in the world, these patriots are engaging almost half of the Japanese forces in China and already have accounted for 40 per cent of the enemy's casualties.

No lend-lease reaches the guerrillas. It all goes to the Central Armies under Chiang Kai-shek. And Generalissimo Chiang's troops blockade the guerrilla armies.

In the cause of unity, Mme. Sun Yat-sen has addressed a letter from Chungking to friends abroad. This letter appears as the introduction to a report of the China Defense League, published in pamphlet form in New York, at her request, by the China Aid Council under the title "In Guerrilla China."

Mme. Sun properly protests the dis-

crimination practiced against the guerrillas. She says: "The forces that have bitten deepest into the Japanese Fascist lines in China are subjected to a 'non-intervention' policy ~~even~~ more drastic and cruel than the 'non-intervention' policy against Spain. An internal political blockade denies our guerrilla fighters doctors, surgical instruments and drugs—even those sent by friends abroad."

The entire pamphlet, profusely illustrated with striking photos, makes fascinating reading. It describes the medical, relief and educational work in the border regions. The courage and high purpose of a freedom-loving people leaps out from every page.

In the course of the war the guerrilla armies, despite all obstacles, are extending democracy. The people (52 million are in the guerrilla sectors) elect their own representatives. Hospitals, clinics and day nurseries are being developed. They are wiping out illiteracy, combatting plagues, organizing farming, promoting co-operatives.

People with such an indomitable spirit can never be crushed. We must help provide them with critically needed supplies. We must help build Chinese unity. Write the China Aid Council, 1790 Broadway, N. Y., 19, N. Y., for more information.

Vice-President Wallace has emphasized the need for unity in China. Mme. Sun has pointed out what it means: "Without unity in China, and in the whole anti-Fascist camp, there can be no victory. Without democracy there can be no unity. Without the people's initiative, based on understanding of the problem we all face, there can be no democracy."

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City Probes Ft. Greene Rioting

Tenants of the Ft. Greene Housing Project, determined that mob violence from outsiders will not be permitted to disturb the peaceful relationship that was always existed among white and Negro residents, have organized and taken steps to prevent a recurrence of the recent hoodlum attacks upon Negroes on the project grounds.

A delegation of tenants and civic leaders brought to the office of the district attorney signed affidavits of witnesses to the incidents the night of June 16th at the project.

Assistant District Attorney Edward Heffernan, in charge of investigations assured the delegation who saw him that a probe would be made to find the instigators of the disturbance as well as the extent to which police were involved in the violence.

Louis F. Costuma, first deputy police commissioner, to whom the group also went took note of the evidence offered by them and questioned Virgil Carter, 15, 1448 Pacific st, and Charles Lewis, 17, of 8 Monument Walk who were injured by the mobsters. He promised that an investigator would be put on the case immediately.

Mrs. Belle Sumdeen, of the anti-discrimination committee set up by the tenants' association, stated that they wanted to prevent once for all the possibility of any recurring violence. Arrangements are being made to cooperate with the official investigations being conducted, and to organize community groups to give serious consideration to housing and recreation problems in the Ft. Greene section.

Active with Mrs. Sumdeen in securing city action against the rioters were Shirley Graham and Mrs. Ada Jackson of the Brooklyn Interracial Assembly; Mrs. Marie Darkins and Mrs. B. Halperin of the tenants' association; Robert Elzy of the B'dyn Urban League; Alcott Tyler of the United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, CIO; Anthony Morton of the Communist Political Ass'n; and Angelina Fiorentino of American Youth for Democracy.

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BEULAH GREEN, National Maritime Union employee since 1942, who, because of her ability has been receiving steady promotions ever since that time, is now executive secretary to Vice President Howard McKenzie—the first Negro woman to have qualified for such a position in the organization. A leader in Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO. Mrs. Green has served as a leader of the union and the Negro people, working, fighting, and serving at all times as a champion of workers' rights.

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FEPC Saved for Year

WASHINGTON—Southern poll taxers and the verbose "gentleman" from Mississippi, Sen. Rankin, went down for a long count this week when, after a bitter battle, the Senate voted 88-21 to allow the FEPC \$500,000 to continue to operate for another year. It was a great day for forces of democracy and unity in this country when 15 Republicans joined with 23 Democrats to put the item over, with the 14 Southerners opposing the measure, finding support only from seven Republicans.

The measure, however, was not passed finally until Senator Russell of Georgia offered six amendments to the bill, three of which stuck. The bill was then sent to conference where agreement will be sought between the two chambers on the changes made since leaving the house.

Amendments adopted would

- allow defending employers of labor unions before FEPC to appeal to the President against committee directives;
- prohibit seizure and operation of a firm or plant by the federal government if that plant should ignore an FEPC ruling or directive;
- prohibit enforcement of any FEPC directive or regulation which "repeals, amends or modifies any law enacted by Congress."

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Building Gets Face Lifted After PV Says It's Dirty

PV's recent expose of the squalid conditions existing at 1968 seventh av, brought prompt results, chalking up another victory for Adam Clayton Powell, Jr's, campaign for better housing in Harlem.

On June 10, PV carried pictures and a story that revealed:

- garbage piled so high in the dumbwaiter shaft that it reached above the fourth floor;

- heaps of waste and trash strewn about the courtyards; some of it had caught fire;

- the dumbwaiter was not in operation;

- rats and roaches infested the house;

- halls and stairways were dirty;

- the janitor was living in a dingy, filthy cellar apartment and receiving \$5.00 a week wages.

INVESTIGATION, RESULTS

Soon after People's Voice sent a reporter and photographer through the house and printed the story of conditions in the building, the landlord sold the property and the agent was forced out. The incoming agent, Julius J. Bockar, of 115 W 116 st, promised a change for the tenants, and began immediately to put the house in a



REV. ADAM C. POWELL, JR, confers with agent and tenants' representative at 1968 7th av—(Morgan Smith foto).

liveable condition. The following improvements were made:

- the courtyards were cleaned up and the dumbwaiter was cleared and put into operation;

- hallways and stairs were cleaned, and a better cleaning routine started;

- an exterminator service was begun;

- the janitor's wages were raised and his living quarters cleaned up;

- the cellar was stocked with coal, and the building's store fronts cleaned up.

AGENT MAKES REQUEST

Bockar, who has been operating as an agent in Harlem for 14

years, made but one request of the tenants: that they cooperate by not throwing garbage down shafts or out of windows now that garbage is being collected regularly.

Rev. Adam Powell said 1968 Seventh av should serve as an example of how landlord and tenant can get together for the mutual benefit of both.

"However," Powell added, "this attempt to make a ghetto more liveable, while it still exists, provides no basic answer to the problem of housing in Harlem. There must be truly large scale government-financed housing with Negroes having the right to live where they will."

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Freedom Rally Gives Direction to the Negro

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

New York City demonstrated its interest in fuller democracy for the Negro people throughout the world Monday night when 25,000 representing nearly every race, faith and political belief jammed Madison Square Garden, and thousands more clamored outside to at-

tend the second annual Negro Freedom Rally. Resolutions evidencing the highest political appreciation of world issues and the relation of the Negro as a struggling minority to those issues, were passed and a withering fire of wrath in the form of brilliant speeches and moving pageantry was directed at every form of fascist injustice at home and abroad. Unconditional citizenship for all Americans without discrimination on account of race, creed, color, national origin or political affiliation, was demanded.

Other resolutions were:

- complete unity behind our commander-in-Chief for victory and peace;

- lasting concord between United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union and other United Nations, for victory and durable peace;

- support of candidates regardless of party lines who have been true to the principles of democracy; repudiation of all who have been disloyal to these principles, especially advocates of "white supremacy" and anti-Semitism;

- repudiation of politicians, Negro and white, who seek the Negro vote for a price;

- repudiation of newspapers, Negro and white, who subvert the principle of democracy;

- end of Jim Crow in all phases of American life—the armed forces, government, industry, housing, labor, education, the establishment; of a permanent FEPC with power to punish violators;

- immediate passage of the anti-poll tax bill, and an anti-lynching bill;

- full support of all trade unions which hold true to democratic principles and the maximum participation of Negroes therein;

- full support of the President's program for protecting the health,

welfare and standard of living of the civilian population;

- freedom of all colonial peoples without limitation on their right of self-defense and their participation in this war;

- a post-war world of freedom, security and abundance based on the principles of the Teheran agreement.

The speakers of the evening were Arthur Osman, President, Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise; Dr. Thomas S. Harten; Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown; Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, jr; NMU Secretary Ferdinand C. Smith; Charles A. Collins; Adam Clayton Powell, jr; and Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia.

Mayor La Guardia had the highest praise for Owen S. Dodson's brilliantly written pageant New World A-Comin', portrayed by Negro and white actors, and demonstrating the common destiny of the Jews and the Negroes as well as the colonial peoples and other racially and economically oppressed peoples of the world.

Captain Hugh Mulzac of Liberty Ship Booker T. Washington, and Capt. Charles B. Hall of the 99th Fighter Squadron and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross were presented to the audience. Judge Hubert T. Delaney presented the two Miss Negro Victor Workers, Miss Edna Rucker and Miss Aurelia Carter with War Bonds—[see pictures, back page].

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Invasion Soldiers Send \$15 to Powell

In the midst of flaming death, screaming meemies" and exploding shells as Allied armies battle their way through to the port of Cherbourg, twelve invasion soldiers took time out to send a contribution for the campaign fund of Adam Clayton Jowell Jr. who is running for Congress in the 22d Congressional District.

In a letter to the minister, the soldiers said, "Enclosed is a money order for fifteen dollars as a contribution to your campaign fund from my men and myself. Some of them are New Yorkers, but all of them know of your good work in the past and what you stand for."

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Quotes From Rally Talks

RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE: "The Jewish people do not want for themselves anything that is denied to other people."

DR. THOMAS S. HARTEN: "The sight of these thousands representing every race, color and creed convinces me that we can all live in peace and harmony."

ADAM C. POWELL, Jr: (See Soapbox, Page 5).

DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN: "The Negro woman has not only been the burden bearer of her race . . . but she has literally nursed into civilization those who are bent on crushing the very soul out of the race of which she is part and parcel."

CHARLES A. COLLINS: "We salute all our leaders of the United Nations and our Commander-in-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr: "The eyes of the Negro as all other Americans are turned to the post-war world. . . . This rally tonight means that we have the good things of life. We can have national unity and equality instead of strife and 'white supremacy'."

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NAACP Gains 21,209 Members in Detroit

The phenomenal success of the NAACP membership drive in Detroit for 25,000 new members is revealed in the current report of 21,209 toward that goal in less than a month subsequent to the opening of the campaign there. Local executive and branch leadership aided by Daisy Lampkin, Gloster Current, Dr. James J. McClendon, L. C. Blount and others, predict a sweeping close within the next few weeks, making the total in dollars and cents considerably more than the \$26,697 already on hand.

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Top Kills Thug; Injures Another in 3-Way Fite

Blazing gunfire and a wild chase over tenement roofs, reminiscent of the reign of gangsters and hoodlums characterized the flareup last Saturday morning resulting in a gun duel between a lone cop and three thugs who attempted a stickup of the copper. Victims were Curtis Smith of Miami, Florida who was killed; James

Brown, 25, of 106 W 137th st; and the policeman, Patrolman John Gilgan, 29, 1872 16th st, Brooklyn.

According to information gathered by PV, Gilgan, a plain-clothesman was accosted by a young woman as he walked along Lenox av, near 129th st. In order to ascertain whether or not the woman was an illicit solicitor Gilgan walked into 129th st where he invited the woman to sit in his car and talk. The woman got into the car but in getting seated apparently felt the officer's holster and very shortly said that she had the wrong person and hastily got out of the car.

RUSE WORKS

At almost the same moment two men approached the car and pressed guns to Gilgan's ribs. Within a few seconds a third man appeared and told the trapped man it was a holdup and for him to surrender whatever valuables he had. Gilgan at this point consented to do as told and said he would yield his money as soon as they let him get his wallet. The ruse worked. The men permitted him to reach, as they thought, for the wallet. In a split second Gilgan had whipped out his revolver firing as he did so. One bullet felled Smith, the other injured Brown. It is believed that Gilgan

was shot by a bullet from the gun of the third bandit, who escaped.

BANDIT ESCAPES

Police cars, summoned to the scene, immediately joined in the chase of the escaped bandit into a tenement and up through a fire escape onto the roof. However he had not been apprehended as the paper went to press.

Wednesday morning officials at Harlem Hospital said that Gilgan, although progressing was still on the serious list. Brown was also improving and had been removed from the serious list.

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Boro Campaign Closes
 The Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP will close its membership campaign with a public program at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Gates av and Irving pl, Sunday, July 2, at 8 pm. The principal address will be delivered by the Rev. Sandy Ray, pastor. Fred Turner, branch president, will preside.

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One God--One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

THE STORY OF THE friendship and love of Ruth for her mother-in-law, Naomi, in the Old Testament, is one that should be a favorite lesson to Christians. Ruth was willing that she should pay the premium of friendship by assuming the traditions of her people and religion in order to be with Naomi.

Friendship is established in myriad ways: through a glance, a deed, a touch, in work, and in casual conversation. What will and will not provoke friendship is not a static element. It may come about through an affinity recognized in common or in dissimilar attributes.

True friendship is greater than race, color, religion, or geographic location; the real spirit of friendship comes from within. Fool and sage, knave and wise man, atheist and Christian, Buddhist and Mohammedan, and all other lesser delimitations pass away before it. But in Christianity there are fundamental prerequisites for a wholesome friendship.

SIMPLE TRUTH

One of these is the simple truth. The greatest gift of friend to friend is truth. When men find truth—that well-spring in all human nature that promulgates the Golden Rule, then we shall know the meaning of Soul. We must offer it to our friends, in both a philosophical and practical sense. Society makes us hypocrites and we live lives sacrificed to convention. When you live a lie you become a stranger to yourself and to your friend. Your soul becomes warped and naturally your friendship is strained. Many people would rather take a chance on future discomfort and shame than to admit themselves in the wrong now. A simple apology can straighten you out with yourself and with your friend—it's no crime to make a mistake—people, great people do it many times a day. And the ability to confess and apologize is what makes some people greater than others in the minds of their associates.

The same is true with people with false pride who judge wealth and riches. When falsity exists the evil is retroactive—you love and I lose. Poverty is not a disgrace. In time the truth will be known and the soul damaged by shame and confusion. The first foundation for a wholesome friendship, then, must be truth. Have diplomacy, and tact, yes, but have truth!

SPIRITUAL GIVING

Another prerequisite to a sound friendship is spiritual-giving. Every acquaintance is not your friend. Indeed, many of your acquaintances are constantly awaiting a chance to put a knife between your shoulder blades, or by some deed to give you a good wallop between the eyes! One must learn to evaluate his fellows and sift out those worthy of friendship, for friendship is a reverent experience—one that is blessed by God. Such a gift must be held dearly and nourished by a spiritual and practical interchange of giving. A real friend gives up pleasure, comfort, and position for the sake of peace and the greater good of fellowship. A real friend does not hesitate to give assistance in times of distress and perplexity—nor does he hesitate to ask and expect the same from you. Not until you have put away personal glories and desires to minister to an associate have you found the real meaning of spiritual-giving and friendship; and when you have become adept at this practice then you will find company in the presence of all men—poor, rich, ugly, beautiful, black, or white.

LOVE A-BACKED TRUST

Add to this a deep and understanding love and you have in your heart a sacred charge and a trust, one that has no counterpart, and one without which you would wander aimlessly and selfishly through the world, living only a half of your life. Friendship is God wedding man's soul to man's soul, with the instruments and tools of Truth, Sacrifice, and Love.

All the world wants and should have friendship. We pray to God to make us better friends, as a race, and as a nation. And then the battle that our boys are fighting will never seem quite so empty and futile.

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Republican Double Talk

BY THE end of the week Negro and other Americans will know what candidates and policies the Republican Party will hold up before the voters this fall in their bid for national leadership. We await with interest the pronouncements of their National Convention, and we shall evaluate their nominees and platform declarations by their records of the past.

Already there are good grounds for predicting what will come out of this week's G.O.P. confab in Chicago, and the record by which it will be judged has already been written.

Thomas E. Dewey, the "white hope" of every reactionary and pro-fascist group in the country, is certain to be nominated for President.

But Negro voters will recall Dewey as the axe-man who killed the proposed New York State FEPC, as the pal of the poll-tax, anti-Roosevelt southern Democrats, as the thief of the soldier vote, and as darling of the Big Business advocates of back-to-Hooverism and mass unemployment.

The Chicago G.O.P. Convention will adopt a platform which uses some nice-sounding words about democratic rights for all citizens, regardless of race, creed or color.

But Negro Americans will recall that Republican congressmen were chiefly responsible for scuttling the federal-aid-to-education bill, cooperated with southern Democrats to kill the anti-poll tax bill, and were ready to destroy FEPC until forced to vote "on the record."

There will also be platform double-talk about post-war

economic reconstruction and world cooperation for enduring peace.

But Negro Americans will recall that Wendell Willkie, the one outstanding Republican leader who sincerely advocates these policies, has been decisively repudiated by the die-hard reactionaries who control Republican policy, and will not even be present at the Convention.

The recent "Declaration by Negro Voters," signed by leaders of 25 national organizations representing 6,500,000 citizens, sets forth the program by which Negro voters will judge the candidates and policies they will support in the coming elections. That "Declaration" calls for:

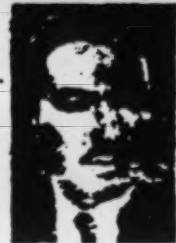
- Vigorous prosecution of the war, and the thorough destruction of Hitlerism, both abroad and here at home.
- Effective price control, extension of social security, "a progressive public program of full post-war employment," more government-financed housing, and the strengthening of organized labor.
- Federal legislation to guarantee full democratic rights to Negro Americans, both in civilian life and in the armed forces.
- International cooperation to end imperialism and colonial exploitation.

In the presidential and congressional elections this fall Negroes will vote for those candidates whose records (no mere "words") prove their sincere devotion to this program. On the basis of past performance, we have little hope for the emergence of many such candidates and policies from the Republican National Convention now in session at Chicago.

SOAPBOX by Adam Clayton Powell

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., at the Negro Freedom Rally, Madison Square Garden, New York City, Monday, June 26, 1944.)

WE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER on this night in the most historic year of modern times to boldly proclaim that unless a full democracy is granted now to the Negro people we will have won the battles of this war but we will have lost the war itself.



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There can be no such thing as a partial democracy. There can be no such thing as a dual democracy—real democracy must be A People's Democracy—"Of, By and For the People."

While our gallant men are purging the foreign fronts of Fascism and Nazism it is the sacred duty of us on the home front to fight equally as hard that these men shall come back to a better America.

Our men are dying tonight for world democracy. We are proud to say that one million Negroes are fighting in the Armed forces of our Nation. We are fighting with our white comrades and United Nations Allies all over the world. Whether it was Salerno or Munda, Anzio or Bougainville, Rome or Cherbourg—We Were There! Negro Engineers were among the first to breach the Atlantic Wall and open the Second Front, Negro Paratroopers were among the first to drop from the skies on the soil of France, Negro Amphibian troops swept into Cherbourg last night.

The Negro people present an unbroken record of loyalty and sacrifice that extends back to the very first blood that was shed that America might be free—the blood of Crispus Attucks on Boston Commons in 1773.

How then, can the conscience of right thinking Americans stand for the vomiting and belching of Northern Republican Reactionaries and Southern Democratic bigots?

We serve notice that the day has finally arrived on the American scene when no bigoted, race-hating, anti-Semitic, labor-baiting, jim-crowing American minority is going to be able to stand up against the righteous wrath of a united American people.

We don't intend to wait until the war is over. If the people's Army is strong enough to win this war then a united home front people is strong enough to win the peace—not in the next hundred years, not next year, but **Right Now!**

We call tonight for a national mobilization of all citizens north and south, black and white, Jew and Gentile, Protestant, Catholic, irrespective of political label, to guarantee that the halls of States-

manship of this Nation will be purged of every American fascist, "white supremacy" advocate, Reactionary, and compromiser.

The Negro Voter is Ready.

The Negro electorate is united as never before. We refuse to continue in second class citizenship. We refuse to allow any longer a million whites and four million blacks in eight poll tax states to be politically disfranchised. We refuse to give our best in time of war and then have the doors of employment in the world of peace closed on our faces. As I said on this very same spot one year ago—"Let the People Go" **NOW!**

The peoples of the world must stand together united as never before. The unity exemplified by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Teheran must find its counterpart in every village and hamlet of the earth.

We call therefore for a united People's world.

We call for a united People's America.

We call for a united Negro people—**And We Are United!**

We have forged this unity through three centuries and a quarter of heartbreaking agony. There are many who have tried to keep us apart through the long bitter years. But we have been coming closer and closer together. Today we stand as a mature, united American people. . . . We have come of age. In the language of the spiritual—"We ain't gonna let nobody turn us 'round." No eleventh hour quailing or last minute Uncle Tom is going to be able to sell us down the river.

The People's Dawn is Coming! It cannot be held back.

We are not going to wait a hundred years; we are determined that in this, our lifetime, every door of opportunity shall be opened.

Every civil right shall be guaranteed.

Every political privilege shall be shared.

Every social advance shall be enjoyed.

Every conscience of American and world leadership will know no rest until every Legislator shall be a people's legislator;

Until every one of the one billion five hundred million people of the darker races of the earth shall be free of colonialism;

Until imperialism shall pass from the face of the earth;

Until the Fair Employment Practice Committee shall be made permanent;

Until a Black man shall sit at the Peace Table;

Until in the Post-War World Negro people shall receive the same employment considerations that they received during this war;

Until every returning soldier shall have a job guaranteed for him;

Until every church, school and hospital in America shall throw open her doors to all people.

In other words—if we are good enough to fight to make the world safe for democracy then, by the grace of God and the power of a united mass, we are going to have a full Democracy—**Right Now!**

Bruce Stages Revolt; Names Own Leaders

Political circles here were buzzing this week when news was announced of further action in the one-man revolt against big party by Herbert L. Bruce, district leader of the 12th District First Indictment of the Bruce faction of his party came last week.

When the district leader, called to Democratic headquarters and instructed to drop his opposition to the campaign of Adam Clayton Powell to Congress, told Democratic County Chairman Edward Loughlin that he would consent not to oppose Powell actively but that he would refuse to support the minister, and would remain "neutral."

Loughlin then told Bruce that there "is no such thing as a neutral" in politics, and repeated his orders for Bruce to drop opposition to Powell and to get back in line with his party.

Most recent revolt came with the backing by the district leader this week of two persons in his district to run for the position

of Assemblyman from the 12th A.D.—Ruth Brown Price, his co-leader; and Walter Andrews, one of his political workers.

The Democratic organization had already named Harry C. Bragg, former state assistant attorney general, for Assemblyman from the District. Assemblyman William T. Andrews will also be up for reelection from the district. By ignoring his party's nominations and putting up his own candidates, Bruce has increased the breach between himself and his party.

Political observers interpreted the Bruce naming of Walter Andrews as an effort to influence voters in the district when they face the balloting with the names of

Women Back Powell In Congress Race

The strong backing of the women element in the campaign of Adam Clayton Powell for Congress was evidenced Monday night at Madison Square Garden, when 20,000 persons there to attend the Negro Freedom Rally cheered wildly when "Powell for Congress" was urged by two prominent women leaders.

First to ask for support of Powell was Mrs. Amy Andrews Garvey, widow of the late Marcus Garvey. Second was Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Memorial Institute, Spaulding, N.C. Both women told the crowd that Powell must be sent to Congress, for the good of his people everywhere.

The two Andrews before them.

The Powell for Congress campaign goes strongly ahead meanwhile, with the speaker naming an oration at Madison Square Garden at the Negro Freedom Rally Monday night.

Negro Democrats Fight For Convention Status

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Pushed by white Southern fed and state office holders, a movement is underway to prevent the 18 delegates from the Progressive Democratic Party South Carolina from appearing before the Credentials Committee at the Chicago National Convention of the Democratic Party, July 19, John H. McCray, state chairman, said last Tuesday.

Mr. McCray would not disclose the source of his information but observed that no reply had been received from Robert H. Hargrave, National Democratic Committee Chairman, to a request filed with the committee June 24, and said "reliable sources have informed us of most of the plottings and planings."

"No matter whatever methods are employed against us," the chairman said, "we are going to Chicago and somebody is going to hear about this thing. The Democratic Party is the only national political organization in the country which condones Segregation."

The Progressive Democratic Party was formed as a party both white and Negro this year after the E. C. Democratic Party reaffirmed itself as "white c

rimination as to membership the South and we of South Carolina and the other Southern States want to know why is this so."

Mr. McCray said that support the claim of the Progressive Democrats had been pledged by 100 Negro party members throughout the country and, that polls conducted in several sections of country, indicated that the opinion of the National Convention on the question of Negro membership in the South would determine whether or not the fall's election were won by Democrats.

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First Negro Appointed To State Industrial Body

Presented with an opportunity to select its first representative on the State Industrial Commission, the New York State Industrial Union Council-CIO, last week chose a Negro for the post. Noah Walters, co-manager, Laundry Workers Joint Board of Greater New York, selected by the CIO, was appointed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey to the post which carries a salary of \$2,500. Walters is the first Negro as well as the first CIO representative to join the Commission.

The Commission is composed of labor, management, and public representatives and hears appeals in workmen's compensation disputes. Walters' term of office will run six years. In an interview at headquarters of the Joint Board, Walters said, "I want it clearly understood that the acceptance of this position is in no way of a political nature. I feel greatly honored to have the privilege to serve the state of New York as a representative of millions of CIO members."

CHANCE TO MEND

Observers pointed out that Governor Dewey has received such severe criticism from labor and Negro groups that he probably seized upon CIO's designation of Walters as an opportunity to mend his political offenses by effecting his appointment without question.

When Noah Walters entered the laundry industry, women workers



NOAH WALTERS

were receiving as low as \$7.00 per week, with unlimited hours, and suffered personal abuse as well as sweat-shop working conditions. The men earned as little as \$12.00 per week, and worked as much as 90 hours per week. In 1936, Walters led a successful 14-week strike in Brooklyn that won him recognition in labor circles.

Youth Congress Protests Firing

BIRMINGHAM.—In a statement to Secretary of War Stimson this week, the Southern Negro Youth Congress asked for the reinstatement of Mrs. Gladys Randolph Thomas, War Department employe, who was recently discharged on the suspicion of "being a Communist or associating with Communism."

The statement, signed by Esther V. Cooper, executive secretary, read in part:

"It is our firm conviction that Mrs. Thomas was dismissed from her job solely because of her continuous activities as a member of the United Federation of Teachers and her leadership in many organizations of the Negro people. There has not been one single bit of evidence shown which would justify the discharge of this young woman, sole support of her mother and two children. If such an unwarranted discharge can be meted out to Mrs. Thomas, any Negro employe may be discharged at the whim of a prejudiced person in charge."

When it's Even, it's Bad
Col. Robert R. McCormick of The Chicago Tribune today denounced Pres. Roosevelt, the war effort and the trade unions—seven times.

The colonel has an even disposition—always had.

BUY BONDS

Southern Liberal with PAC

Clark Foreman, president of the Southern Conference on Human Welfare and long identified with the New Deal as an economist and racial relations adviser, has been appointed to the staff of the CIO Political Action Committee. It was announced today by Chairman Sidney Hillman.

The Georgia liberal, now on leave of absence from Morehouse College, (N.C.) to accept the PAC position, because the center of a national issue in 1932 when, as an official of the Department of the Interior, he employed a Negro on his staff. The action broke a long-established Washington precedent and was attacked savagely by Southern Congressmen. He will make his headquarters in New York.

More Dewey Doins?

ALBANY, N. Y.—An attempt by Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein to quash a subpoena ordering superintendent of police to furnish the names of the men who "questioned" John H. (Sonny) Jones on the 29th floor of the State Office building on February 25 was turned down by Supreme Court Justice William H. Murray. The subpoena was issued by Albany Police Justice Edward Kaempf.

The questioning of Jones took place in the office of Governor Thomas E. Dewey's special prosecutor, George F. Monaghan. Jones has charged torture method, including his suspension from a window, were used to obtain a "confession" during the Dewey investigation of the O'Connell Democratic machine.

In delivering his decision which would cause the superintendent of police to furnish Jones with the names of those concerned in the questioning, Justice Murray said if the torture charge were true, "such

dastardly offenses demands the fullest publicity."

Powell, Marcantonio Honored at Dinner

A testimonial dinner in honor of Congressman Vito Marcantonio and the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and candidate for Representative from the newly apportioned 12nd Congressional district was tendered by the non-partisan Fraternal Election Campaign committee at the Pythian Place, June 21.

Among those paying tributes to the records of the two progressive leaders on behalf of the advancement of democracy in America and expressing endorsements of their candidacy for Congress were Max Bedacht, General Secretary of the International Workers Order; City Councilman Benjamin Davis, and John Middleton, New York Executive Secretary of the International Workers Order and chairman of the Fraternal Election Campaign Committee.

Portraits of Mr. Marcantonio and Mr. Powell made by Hugo Gellert, well-known New York artist, were presented.

South Carolin Leads

On the basis of membership goals assigned individual branches in the nationwide campaign for 500,000 new NAACP members, South Carolina is the first state to exceed its quota. At the State Conference recently held at Sumter, more than 10,000 new members

Actor Addresses Kids
Actor Canada Lee star of "Live Sec" and "Lifeboat," guest speaker last Thursday evening to the children staying at temporary shelter maintained by the Brooklyn Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children.

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"Jimcra Must Go—NOW!"

LAST WEEK'S NEGRO FREEDOM RALLY at Madison Square Garden was a convincing demonstration of that political unity and fighting determination that can translate into fact its most popular slogan: "Jimcra Must Go — NOW!"

There were Republicans Channing Tobias and Hubert Delaney, Communist Benjamin Davis, Jr., Independent Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (endorsed for Congress by both the Democratic and American Labor Parties), CIO and AFL labor-spokesmen Ferdinand C. Smith and Charles Collins, and southern educator Charlotte Hawkins Brown. And there were 23,000 cheering Negro people, in united support of them all.

There also were Rabbi Stephan S. Wise, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, and Representative Vito Marcantonio, together with several thousand progressive white Americans — all firmly united with the Negro people in their struggles for full citizenship.

None spoke a kind word for the candidacy of president aspirant Thomas E. Dewey. All called for "Victory with FDR in 1944"—to the spirited applause of a people who there sensed the power of their win-the-war unity.

These are the progressive Negro-white forces that put Ben Davis on the City Council last fall, and that will send the fighting Powell-Marcantonio team to Congress this November. These are the people's forces that have the power to win the related goals of Roosevelt's re-election and the destruction of Jimcra—NOW. And they will do precisely these things.

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Red-Baiting Rappe As Sign of Reaction

WASHINGTON—Exposing the irresponsible charge of "communism" as a tactic of political reaction, Senator Joseph P. Guffey (D., Pa.) struck out this week at Sen. Joseph W. Bailey (D., N.C.) and other Southerners who use red-baiting to smear organized labor and other progressive movements. Guffey's at-

tack came a few days after anti-Negro, poll-tax senators tried to kill FEPC by calling it "communist," and was directed at foes of the CIO Political Action Committee.

After his opening remarks, Guffey said, "I am somewhat puzzled when I hear the senior senator from North Carolina and others who remotely resemble him call anyone they dislike or fear a 'communist.'"

"I believe that when the senior senator from North Carolina calls any of his fellow-citizens 'communists' he believes that communism is a sort of infection which can seize upon an innocent and unsuspecting man without his knowledge or consent. . . . He can, by this definition, be a devout church member, a good citizen, a substantial taxpayer, interested in electing good men and in backing good causes and yet be called a 'communist' by the senior senator from North Carolina."

Guffey said he subscribes to the New York newspaper PM and "other militant, liberal publications which have been called communistic," and commented that "perhaps by this definition, I ought

to be expelled from this body, particularly as I am also a New Deal Democrat and am standing by the President of the United States in this crisis instead of joining with those members of my party who are reactionary in their policies whatever name they choose to take for their politics."

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Dean Dixon Heads Youth Orchestra

The New American Youth Orchestra, which is being sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy, will have as its director, the young and talented conductor, Dean Dixon, whose fame as director of both the NBC and New York Philharmonic Orchestra is well known in musical circles.

Mr. Dixon will hold a press conference at the McAlpin Hotel, east room, Thursday, July 6, at 11 am at which time he will discuss plans for the orchestra already in rehearsals.

"The strong driving force," states Mr. Dixon, "is the desire to direct youthful energies into cultural channels. Within the framework of stimulating and diversified musical activity can be found bulwarks against the tendencies towards waywardness, fanatic jitterbugism, wastefulness and delinquency."

Inquiries should be addressed to Ruth H. Saslow, secretary of the orchestra. Rector 2-0855.

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Virgin Islanders To Plan Postwar Jobs

A three-man delegation from the Virgin Islands, representing the local municipal council has arrived in Washington, D.C., to confer with government officials in a post-war employment program for the islands. The erection of airports and military installations there have provided ample employment for the population of 30,000 during the last few years.

It is felt that unless there is assistance to local industries after the war there will be almost universal unemployment. One pressing need, the delegation pointed out, is for vocational training so that residents may learn skilled trades. Members of the group which plans to leave early in July are Valdemar A. Hill, Omar Brown and Roy P. Gordon.

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Mrs. Marvel Cooke, assistant managing editor of PEOPLE'S VOICE, was among the 25 candidates of the New York local of the American Newspaper Guild elected last week to attend the ANG convention in Milwaukee, Wis., the week of August 7.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

IT TOOK THE GOP chieftains only 13 lines and 108 words to rattle off their platform pledges to the Negro people on the subjects of Racial and Religious Intolerance, Anti-Poll Tax and Anti-Lynching.

But Candidate Dewey and other Republican spokesmen will use thousands of



columns in the anti-FDR press and spout millions of words in a vain effort to explain away the hypocrisy and vague generalities contained in those planks.

Their efforts are doomed to failure because of one

Ferdinand Smith simple fact: The infamous anti-Negro record of Dewey and his adherents in Congress are too painfully known by Negro voters.

Dewey killed an FEPC for New York State, as recommended by his own appointed committee, but now is trying to kid the Negro people of America that he will fight vigorously for Federal legislation to create a permanent FEPC.

The Republicans joined Southern poll taxers in knifing the anti-poll tax bill, but now the GOP is trying to palm off a phoney Constitutional amendment that will never be adopted. The child labor amendment has been adopted by only 28 states in the 20 years since Congress approved it. That's precisely the fate Dewey and the Republican Party know will befall an anti-poll tax amendment.

The phrases in the GOP plank which condemn discrimination would have sounded a lot better if GOP performance had measured up to the words.

Harsh reality, however, throws the pious Republican pledges off key. And if there's anything that angers the Negro people it's false promises.

A Scripps-Howard staff writer who wrote from Chicago that the race equality plank may win for Dewey should have had a talk first with some of the Negro people there.

Words don't mean a thing to a people who have been fed glowing promises for some 200 years. They will look at the record and come to their own conclusions.

They will not forget, for example, that George Burrows and many other Negro lads were extradited to jimcrow justice in the South with Dewey's express approval.

They will not forget that it is Dewey who is robbing their sons, fighting heroically on every battlefield, of their right to vote next November. Merchant seamen who man the bridge of ships, USO and Red Cross workers serving abroad, also are denied the ballot by the Republican Presidential hopeful.

These are the things by which voters judge a man. Weasel words in party platforms won't deceive a single Negro. He sees the brilliant record of our Commander-in Chief and knows that he's the man to keep in the White House.

To the Negro people especially the next four years will be crucial years. Social progress, economic security, recognition as a full citizen in a democracy—all these and other aspirations will become meaningless unless we keep FDR on the job building a better America and a better world for all humanity.

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Pardoning of Schappes Sought at Big Rally

Plans were made to urge Governor Dewey to pardon Morris U. Schappes, now serving a jail term, at a rally at Paramount Mansions in Washington Heights Thursday night. Schappes, anti-fascist, labor supporter, educator, and champion of Negro rights, was convicted last winter on a perjury charge in connection with the investigation of Communism in the city schools by the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

Professor Frederick Ewen of Brooklyn College, who acted as chairman, called attention to the many fifth columnists, seditionists, and isolationists who are free, while Morris U. Schappes is still serving a jail sentence.

Among the principal speakers was Michael Quill, city councilman and president of the Transport Workers Union, who said, "Governor Dewey seems to be taking himself and his job very seriously. Let's give him some real work and get him to pardon Morris Schappes." Quill also suggested plans for holding Schappes rallies at nearby beaches during the summer season, which were enthusiastically received by the audience.

Also on the program was Eugene P. Connolly, secretary of the New York County American Labor Party, who called on each member of the audience to write at once to Governor Dewey and to get his friends and relatives to write, "for only the relentless pressure of public opinion will force Governor Dewey to act."

Rabbi Hyman Rabinowitz and Rev. Howard Melish, of Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn, also spoke. Messages of endorsement were received from Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, and candidate for Congress from New York's 22nd Congressional District; Bella V. Dodd, Dr. Stephen Pritchman, Roy Whitman of UOPWA, and others.

Entertainment was provided by Stagedoor to Action players and John White of Cafe Society.

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Congress Candidate
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Anderson, jr, Republican pro-
fascist candidate for Congress in
the 6th Chicago district, was de-
nounced by American Legion Post
781 as being "guilty of un-
American utterances echoing Nazi
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Group Seeks Reversal Of Bridges Decision

In a telegram to U.S. Attorney General Biddle, Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, this week urged him to reverse his previous decision and "make it possible for Harry Bridges to become an American citizen in the interest of a united and victorious nation."

The telegram pointed out that the majority of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, which denied Bridges an appeal last week from the decision to deport him, held that they could

not review the evidence, while the minority questioned whether there was any appropriate evidence in the case.

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Train Youths to Avoid Race Strife Say Police

Assurance that police investigation into the responsibility for the disturbance at the Ft. Greene project, in which several Negro youth were beaten by a mob, alleged to have included uniformed sailors and policemen, was given this week by acting deputy chief inspector William E. O'Brien at the 13th division headquarters, Vernon and Tompkins avs, Brooklyn, last week.

"We want to determine just what happened and what individuals are responsible," said O'Brien. "We all have to live together in this city, and we don't want any breach between the races . . .". These remarks were made to a delegation of the Ft. Greene Tenants' League, led by Mrs. Belle Sumdeen, 8 Monument Walk, who had brought witnesses to the incidents to police headquarters, to testify that they had seen police using their clubs freely.

Referring to other recent flare-ups in Brooklyn, O'Brien defended the use of "rough treatment" as being necessary at times to break up gang disturbances. Police had been informed, the evening of June 16, he stated that colored and white gangs had planned an altercation at the project and were on the lookout for trouble.

While Mrs. Sumdeen stressed the tenants' request that some specific steps be taken to prevent a recurrence of the Ft. Greene incident, O'Brien appealed for the cooperation of the press and tenants' groups in educating youths, both white and Negro, to ways of conduct that would not arouse racial strife.

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Reargument Asked in Case of Lynn

Attorneys for Winfred William Lynn, with the assistance of the attorneys for the NAACP, have filed a petition for rehearing of application for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. Lynn is fighting the racial quota system for inducting men into the armed services.

The Supreme Court had denied the writ, claiming that the question presented was moot in view of the fact that Lynn was no longer in the custody of the commanding officer at Camp Upton, the original respondent.

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ALP Nominee Quits Primary

At a meeting held June 30th of the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee For The Election Of Ada B. Jackson to the State Assembly from the 17th A.D. in Brooklyn, Albert L. Tyler, the candidate of the American Labor Party announced his withdrawal from the ALP Primaries in favor of Mrs. Jackson.

Said Mr. Tyler: "Because of Mrs. Jackson's outstanding work in the community and because of the fact that she is most representative of the liberal and progressive population in the 17th A.D., I am withdrawing my name as a candidate for the American Labor Party in order that there can be the fullest unity and support for Mrs. Ada B. Jackson. I intend to exert every effort for the success of Mrs. Jackson's election."

Tyler was unanimously elected as campaign manager of the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee For The Election of Mrs. Ada B. Jackson. He is president of the United Tea, Coko and Chemical Worker Union and an official legislator.

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From McNeil's Island Federal Penitentiary, Privates Frank Fisher, jr, and Edward Loury, of the "Army Scottsboro Case," wrote to President Roosevelt last week, adding their personal plea for clemency to the formal appeal filed by Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Dean William H. Hastie on their behalf. "We both"

wish to assure you," they wrote. "that despite our involvement and consequent suffering through this trouble, there is no rancor or malice in our hearts because of it. We are just as eager today to contribute our bit in this war of liberation as you so aptly termed it recently, as we were on the day of our enlistment."

The offense for which the two Negro soldiers were originally sentenced by court martial to life imprisonment (later reduced to eight and ten years by the War Department upon the intervention of Congressman Marcantonio and Dean Hastie) was described in their counsel's appeal to the President for full clemency as follows:

"The circumstances in their case show simply liaison with a woman of loose morals, who during the tryst sought seclusion from passersby rather than their assistance, who accepted pay for her favors and who herself never initiated a complaint against them. To characterize this commerce as rape offends common sense even as the punishment imposed denies common justice."

The appeal for clemency to the President is based upon the innocence of the two men, and upon the need for equality of military justice, as an essential to the morale of Negro troops and civilian war workers.

Text of the personal appeal by Privts. Fisher and Loury follows, said in part:

"We wish to add our personal appeal for a pardon to you in person, along with that of our very

able counsel, Congressman Vito Marcantonio of New York and Judge William H. Hastie of the NAACP. . . .

"We believe that a review of the record of the investigation that culminated in this charge and the transcript of the ensuing court martial will reveal the ample sufficiency of our addressing this plea to you, our President, and Commander in Chief, for a complete pardon and restoration to duty."

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One God—Two People

BY BEN RICHARDSON

I had the first night back home & was that sick up to Boston, Mass., and Detroit. When I go to a city I look for a good, cheap place to stay. I don't look for a nice place where there is a joke but with all of the latest "lamp" models. I enjoy my food most when I can hear Cootie Williams' band playing with Cherry Red Black and the like. These things being found, I then like to take a slow walk, unaccompanied, through the Negro part of the city and see how my people are living. I have these things to report about the cities visited:

There are many pretty places where Negroes live in Boston. Many Southerners would have the visitor think that all homes in the Cradle of Liberty were habitable . . . or even luxurious. But this is not the case. There are more Negroes living in squalor and neglect than I have yet seen in the most unfortunate areas of the South. The section around Shawmut or running to Washington is worse than what Margaret Bourke White saw in the bottoms. The City of Boston is responsible for most of the filth in this section. The officials don't give a damn how Negroes live, and unfortunately many Negroes are in general agreement with the city authorities. There are few streets in Boston's Negro district that show any signs of street cleaning.

CAMBRIDGE A LITTLE BETTER

Things are a little better for Negroes in Cambridge. There is some semblance of leadership. There are a few ministers who at least preach the right things. . . Still there are no signs of active progress. There is but one Negro policeman . . . criminal violations against Negroes are daily occurrences; no really effective protest organizations exist. Here too, is a place for the Church . . . any Church. In a word, about the New England situation . . . the people are confused . . . they don't know what the trouble is . . . they know something is wrong . . . but just who is causing the conditions is a deep and dark mystery. The truth is, corrupt city and state administration is at the core of the Negroes' plight. There is as much Jim Crow there as in Georgia . . . and worse, because in Boston and Cambridge it is hidden . . . or almost hidden. Churches have the attention of the people. They can enlighten them. They can get into politics, local and state, and help make the lot of Negroes better. It cannot be done otherwise.

DETROIT A HELL HOLE OF HATE

Detroit is the most dangerous spot in America today. It is Fascism's own bulwark. Hatred and racial friction are rampant there. Negroes live in a kind of poverty that almost defies description. Negroes detest white people and white people curse the sight of a Negro. This is not true for all of either group . . . but it certainly is the fact in the case of thousands of them both. The Church had better come to the rescue of these people or this summer will see outbreaks that will dwarf the riots of last year. Both Negroes and whites will be ready for this new conflict. It can be avoided. The Church can help. There is little the sin-chasing, soul-saving ministry can do. The people are moved from the devil in hides; now they need salvation of a more practical nature. Now that I am free from the required task of preaching on Sundays, whether I had anything to say or not, I can objectively evaluate much of what the other men are saying. I can listen and learn further just what my people are victims of, Sunday after Sunday. I can gain first-hand the information which comes only sporadically to a minister. I will be in a position to report weekly the sort of rot some preachers offer, and the splendid directives for body and spirit others give.

I WAS JUST THINKING

In the last few weeks these things ran through my mind. I share them with my readers for what they are worth. Rev. Somebody or other challenged me to a debate on the radio a week or two ago. This came after he had conducted a half-hour tirade against my concept of Bible truth. I didn't take the debate seriously. It would be tragic to do so. The good brother would quote more Biblical passages than I ever knew existed in the Holy Writ. He would reach back to Genesis and run through to Revelations. I would be lost. These "foot in the door" evangelists can only be matched by the original writers. I wouldn't have a chance. My Harvard degree wouldn't mean a thing. Rev. Whosis would swamp me. Somehow I am coming to believe that is where the fault lies in constructive preaching. The boys are trying to make yesterday's lore fit today. Some of it will . . . most of it will not. This is a new day . . . there are new people . . . with new needs. They can sing and dance, smoke or drink, and no sin need be implied. People can go to church once a month and still be fully accepted. Today's folk are learning that religion is not necessarily connected with the Church. God is everywhere. No place or person has a monopoly or a priority on God. Children need no longer fear the Devil . . . there is no such thing. They need not look for pearly gates or streets of gold . . . they don't exist either. Today's world is a world of common sense . . . and their old approaches to God are reserved for the aged who should not be interrupted in their beliefs. New minds, young and old should learn better.

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"A GREAT ORdeal"

A Message to the People of America from the report of EARL BROWDER, president of the Communist Political Association, to the Public Session of its National Convention, in Madison Square Garden, New York City

Almost six years after Europe was surrendered to Hitler in the Munich Conference the world coalition of free peoples has gone into action "from the east, west and south" to destroy Hitler and all his works.

Today nothing counts but the fullest mobilization of all American forces to back the attack with everything we have. All other considerations must be strictly subordinated to this supreme demand.

We must all learn to put our duties as American patriots above our prejudices and ideological preconceptions. We must forget old feuds. We must unite with all other Americans who place victory as their supreme guide, and we must oppose all those, and only those, who place their group or individual special interests first.

Now as never before Americans must weld the bonds of solidarity with our great Allies, and in the first place with Britain and the Soviet Union. We must indignantly reject and oppose all the schemes of Hitler and Goebbels still being spread among us to rouse suspicion and hatred against our fellow fighters. We must help to solve all existing problems that will trouble relations within the Alliance.

Now as never before we must defeat all the provocations and excuses for strife between capital and labor, and relieve the tensions which have been building up. We must dispel all moods and projects of strikes and lockouts, and expose those who feed them as enemies of the nation, no matter what group they come from. And we must overcome those ideas, which foment wartime strikes, that once the war is over they will settle all accumulated grievances by a great outburst of strike struggles, for these ideas exercise a harmful influence at this very moment by straining class relations unbearably. We must already now project our wartime national unity into the post-war period, and work out policies to realize this aim. Labor, strongly organized and conscious of its role as a bulwark of democracy, need have no fears of such a perspective.

Now as never before must we realize that the 1944 election period is one in which unrestrained partisanship is a luxury the American nation cannot afford.

America has entered the period of testing by fire. It is by far the most severe test of all our history. It is at the same time a great ordeal and a great opportunity. We can, by meeting this test with fortitude, intelligence, and faith, open up a more glorious period in American and world history than any hitherto known.

* Test: Guide to Victory

This was the single thought that dominated the Communist National Convention which closed two weeks before D-Day. Its aim was to arouse and direct all energies towards winning the war. Its decisions proceeded from the recognition that the central point of war and post-war is the accord of Tehran concluded last December by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin.

For the quickest and least costly victory over Japan, we need the extension of the principles of Tehran to the Pacific. Now, at the eleventh hour, with the Japanese advance threatening Chungking itself, the time is more than ripe for the United States to insist that the Chungking government shall put its house in order with a real, not a formal, unification of all Chinese fighting forces, and their fullest utilization against the



Japanese enemy. We must once and for all put an end to the playing with the "red scare," which is China as everywhere, works for the enemy and against the United Nations.

The British-American trade rivalry is today the greatest obstacle to establishing the grand strategy for victory over Japan in the Pacific. There is a rising trend of ill-will against Britain which must be halted if there is to be a complete consolidation of the three-power alliance for victory and lasting peace. We must begin to understand British problems most intimately, and we must now begin to eliminate the cause of post-war trade rivalry for the world markets, in which the British fear that the very expansion of American industry that is doing so much to win the war will spell doom for British trade after the war. We must find a common world trade policy with the British which will lay this ghost effectively.

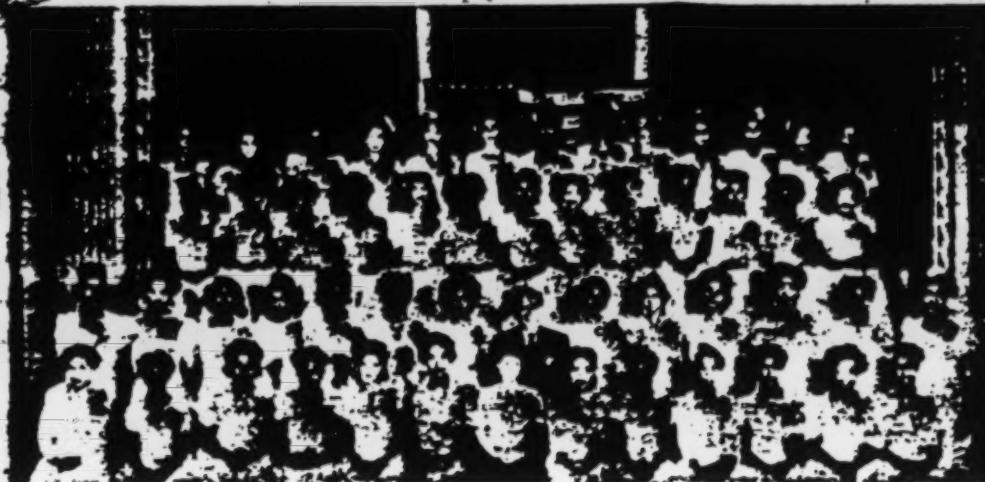
* There Must Be No Post-War Crisis

The most disturbing influence against our national unity for victory in the war is the expectation that peace between nations will be the signal for the outbreak of great class struggles within the nation.

War needs, therefore, dictate that we shall immediately begin to lay the foundations for post-war national unity, so that this disturbing influence may be checked and if possible eliminated.

That means, first of all, that we must find a post-war program that will unite the democratic, progressive majority of the American people, from all classes, and that we shall not permit that majority to be split up and thus give the opportunity for the anti-Tehran forces to rise to power.

An economic program that meets these requirements is to be found



GRADUATES OF THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS INSTITUTE received their diplomas in commencement exercises at the Park Palace, 6 W 124 at the evening of June 28. The graduates heard addresses by Comptroller Benjamin Davis, Jr., Mrs. Estelle Mummy Riddle R. M. of the Nat'l Council for the War Service, Inc., and Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. The Langston Hughes play, "Wonder Road" was presented by members of the class, and Loretta Taylor delivered the valedictory. The ceremony marked the sixteenth year that the school at 2708 Broadway has trained students for business careers, under the direction of Mrs. Rae Feld, organizer and director. Two of the former students are now instructors at the school.—(Woodward file).

Bronx Youth Wins Freedom In Spite of Dewey Move

After Governor Thomas E. Dewey had signed extradition papers ordering Otis Johnson, 15, to return to South Carolina on a charge of assault, the boy's parents, assisted by an NAACP lawyer, won his freedom in Supreme Court in Bronx. The boy, who lives in the Bronx, visited his birthplace in South Carolina, during September, 1943. He went there to make a purchase where he was not seen by the proprietor who charged at

him so that he could not return to the Bronx. **DEWEY'S STAND** When South Carolina officials asked Governor Dewey to return Johnson, the Governor signed the papers, apparently without too close examination. The parents of the lad retained S. Edgar Friedman who sued for a writ of habeas corpus. William L. King, another attorney, entered the case as amicus curiae, representing the NAACP. Justice Aaron J. Levy of the Supreme Court heard the case and

ruled that since the boy was not 16 years of age at the time, the officer was merely juvenile delinquency, and not assault, and that he could not be extradited for juvenile delinquency.

NAACP Taps Quota in National Drive

Clipping reports of the national drive during May and June for 200,000 new NAACP members show Detroit easily the leader among the large cities, and South Carolina topping the Deep South. Among the cities exceeding their goals are Cincinnati, Waterbury, Conn., Cantonville, Pa., Cumberland, Va., Long Branch, N. J., Georgetown, Columbia and Florence, S. C., Maricopa County, Ariz., New Orleans, Tamaraca, Ark., and Kansas City, Mo.

Final reports of the winding of the campaign, in which more than 400 local branches participated, will be made at the Wartime Conference of the organization to be held in Chicago July 13-14.

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Negroes fought and died to win their own freedom and to preserve our nation's unity during the Civil War of the 1860's. We won our freedom from bondage and helped keep our country intact. But after a brief decade of emerging democracy in the South, the former slave-owners were again allowed to rise to power and force the Negro people back into caste-like oppression which still holds millions in abject poverty and ignorance.

Negroes fought and died to defend our country during 1917-18. We were promised a new day—"after the war." Instead, thanks largely to post-war economic and political reaction presided over by a succession of ill-fated Republican administrations, we got widespread riots in the North, lynching in the South, and jimcrow everywhere, all climaxed by mass unemployment and breadlines in the 1930's.

Negroes are fighting and dying again to defend our country, this time against the deadly fascist enemy of freedom-loving peoples the world over. Again we look forward to a new day—but now with much greater confidence than twenty-five years ago.

We are better organized, more united and politically more mature than at any time in our history.

We are forging ever closer alliance with organized labor and other militantly democratic forces in the country.

We now have—and plan to keep!—a progressive and friendly National Administration, which struggles for Negro rights even against the southern poll taxers within its own party.

Our nation, firmly united with Britain, the Soviet Union and China, proceeds to that certain destruction of fascist tyranny which will unleash the democratic people's forces the world over, and strike a mortal blow at the native fascists of our own country.

And we, ourselves, are fighting with greater effectiveness and determination than ever before—for the dual goals of national survival and Negro democratic rights.

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70: There remain many slave-survivals still to be uprooted, but they shall go—and definitely. As our country and our allies move forward toward victory and enduring peace, as we merge ever more fully with the mounting democratic people's movement in America and throughout the world, the Negro people will rise to their full stature and dignity in this land we have given so much to build and defend.

We shall win this time—and far sooner than many people think! That is the new perspective and renewed determination with which we greet Independence Day—1944.

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Local Lawyer Proposes Constitution Amendments

Harrison Jackson, legal counsel for the People's Committee, Abyssinian Baptist church and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, jr, last week sent to Harrison Spangler, national Republican convention, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, GOP Presidential nominee, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt 12 proposed amendments to the constitution of the United States. The amendments provide for



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regulation against Jim Crow in real estate, and in the armed forces; against the poll-tax and "white primaries"; against discriminatory material in public school text books; for a permanent United States Employment Service and FEPC; for a salary ceiling of \$75,000 yearly "exclusive of the United States and State income taxes"; for the inclusion at world peace conferences of at least one representative of all minority groups.

The amendments also include legislation for a permanent Office of Price Administration "for the protection of the citizenry and stability of prices"; for the abolition of Congressional filibuster; for federal control and regulation of all transportation and public utilities; for

the establishment of a federal insurance system, and for the filing in "an appropriate place" of the majority report whenever the United States Constitution shall be amended.

FEPC Victory Dinner Held

WASHINGTON—Staff members of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice gathered last Monday night, to observe the third anniversary of Executive Order 8802 which created the original FEPC.

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I have estimated that we require new post-war foreign markets of about forty billion per annum, above what we would obtain in the course of business-as-usual. Orthodox economists tell me that it is quite impossible to find foreign markets of such magnitude, but I am unable to accept their verdict, since I refuse to accept the perspective of mass unemployment and economic crisis in the post-war period. If such markets are necessary to keep our industries in operation, then they can and will be found.

The necessary expansion of our domestic markets on an equal scale is more complicated and difficult. Yet it is equally necessary if we are to avoid a devastating economic crisis within a few years after the war ends.

In the final analysis the needed domestic market expansion can only be realized by increasing the consumption of the masses of the population, who are in great majority wage workers. That requires the raising of wage standards to the degree that we need a larger domestic market for maintaining full employment and production.

★ Basic Democracy Must Not Be Compromised

Many conflicting views and interests must learn how to come together on the basis of compromise in order to build and maintain national unity. But there is a line beyond which compromise is not permissible. We cannot compromise basic democratic principles without seriously damaging our national unity and helping Hitler.

The shameful spectacle of the U. S. Senate blocking the Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill from coming to a vote is a typical case in point. Ten million white and Negro workers and farmers are to continue to be denied the ballot, because a group of Bourbon and log-rolling politicians threaten otherwise to sabotage the entire nation. Men who could not be elected otherwise, are thus continued in office with power of veto against the overwhelming majority of the nation. Such compromise with democratic principles is the deadliest enemy of American national unity.

So also with the whole Jim Crow system, the systematic violation of the U. S. Constitution by denial of equal citizenship to Negro Americans, which is the outgrowth of the ideology of "white supremacy," just as shameful and dangerous for America as Hitler's identical racialism proved to be for Germany and the world. Jim Crow must go if America is to stand.

A direct importation from Nazi Germany is the spreading poison of anti-Semitism in America. Everyone who spreads anti-Semitism is enlisted

in Hitler's fifth column. Anti-Semitism is a crime that must be outlawed as a poison of American national unity.

Anti-communism, the doctrine of Hitler's "Antikomintern" organization, is the most deadly of all Hitler's poison because it has penetrated American society most deeply.

We must retire from public life, and especially from all dealings with our partners in the United Nations, all persons who are incurably afflicted with these divisive ideologies.

★ Why the Communist Party Dissolved

Our country is entering the crucial hours of the war, our soldiers are entering decisive battles for the first time, with a national election on our hands.

It is no use pretending that the necessity to conduct elections this year is anything less than a dangerous strain on the national unity required for victory.

The spirit of partisanship is today a most costly luxury which America cannot afford. Our problem is how to subdue and control the spirit of partisanship, how to conduct a national election in the spirit of national unity. It is not an easy task. We Communists consider it so serious that we have dissolved the Communist Party, and renounced all aims of partisan advancement, and have formed a non-partisan organization—the Communist Political Association—through which we expect to contribute to the common cause of the progressive majority of the American people.

Can Roosevelt help the nation to unity and victory by conceding the demand of Republicans and disloyal Democrats that he announce his retirement?

A moment's thought reveals that such a step would be a disaster to our country. Our enemies in the war would be encouraged to new efforts, our allies in the war would have deep misgivings, and our own country would be launched upon an uncharted sea of uncontrolled factionalism. That is why people of all parties are joining to draft Roosevelt.

The people, and especially the largest part of the people, which is "labor," must build their own organization for political action, beginning in the neighborhoods and wards, extending to districts, towns and cities, to the States and the Nation as a whole. These organizations should be non-partisan, taking their stand on issues and judging candidates on their merits without regard to party labels.

That is the road to victory in the war and a people's victory in the election. The program of Teheran, the prospects for victory and a lasting peace, are at stake. Never has there been a greater challenge to the American people or a greater opportunity.



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This Must Go!

The Negro Freedom Rally last week declared: "Jimcrow must go—NOW!" So it must and it will. Following are two examples of the "white supremacy" rottenness that we still have got to clear out of New York.

GARDEN INCIDENT

Our correspondent writes to PV: "At the rally I was given an ACP (Adam Clayton Powell) tag after a meager donation to the Young Independent Voters Committee. I walked to Ninth av where I had agreed to meet a friend after the rally. While waiting for my friend, a group of white boys (about six in number) came around me. One fingered the tag and asked: 'Is this Powell guy colored?'"

"Not liking their manner, I turned to walk away. Another blocked the way and said: 'Sure, he's a nigger!' and stepped the tag and button to which it was attached from my dress."

"'Goddamn black bastard,' said another, 'trying to get into Congress now for' cause we let 'em use places like the Garden!'"

"One boy whispered to another, his eyes on my camera. Then the one to whom he whispered asked: 'What you supposed to be, a reporter? He reached for my camera. Luckily two passing colored men came to my aid just then.'"

Yes, Powell will go to Congress and the same forces that send him

there will send such hoodlums as these to jail.

FOR WHITE ONLY

Another correspondent writes: "A few days ago, a group of six ladies employed by a government agency in Midtown Manhattan had occasion to patronize the Excellent Goady Shop at 507 Fifth av. One of this group was colored (myself)."

"After dinner, four of the party left ahead of the other two who were subsequently informed by the waitress: 'Never to bring that other girl (referring to me) in again.' She claimed that she had instruction from the manager of the Excellent not to wait on colored people . . . that they didn't want their patronage . . . and that this was with threat of dismissal should they disobey him. These were the exact words . . . and the waitress went on to boast that a few days prior, a party of three colored people had come in, and nobody would go over to their table . . . finally they 'took the hint' and left."

Insist on being served at the Excellent—and all the other would-be jimcrow restaurants in town. Tell PV if you have trouble.

Lillian Hellman Not Up On Minority Problems

When Lillian Hellman, author of the current Broadway success, The Searching Wind, appeared to discuss the Negro's stake in post-war America at the 136th of Library Forum Wednesday night, she seemed slightly embarrassed when she faced the audience.

The guest speaker explained her embarrassment by admitting that she was born and reared in New Orleans, La., and had had only slight acquaintance with educated Negroes, except a few in the

theatre. Expressing herself to have little knowledge on the subject for discussion, Miss Hellman invited the audience to discuss the question in open forum and offered to answer any questions that she could.

Asked whether she, a playwright interested in social problems, should present the Negro in a more intelligent role and avoid the stereotyped servant parts employed by most white playwrights, she again admitted that she did not "know" the educated Negro.

The speaker said, however, that she had lifted the Negro from obscurity into the limelight of world affairs and said that a new intellectual class was arising in the South.

Negro College, who had been invited to interpret the exhibition of silk screen prints illustrating Vice President Wallace's speech on "The Century of the Common Man," urged the use of the ballot to support the war, the re-election of President Roosevelt, and the reelection of Adam Powell to Congress.

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Dr. Wilkerson to Speak

Dexy Wilkerson, educator and writer and PV's executive editor, is guest speaker at a community conference of readers of the *Worker and Daily Worker* at the Ellis Hall, 164 W. 129 st, July 6, on the topic, "The Negro in the War and in the Peace." There will be a showing of the War Dep't film, "The Negro Soldier."

YWCA To Give Dance

The committee of management of the Harlem branch YWCA will hold its annual reception and dance in honor of summer students and visitors, Friday evening, July 7, at 9:00 pm, in the auditorium of the YWCA building, 144 W. 130 st. Dress is optional.

Bob Elzys Leave For Lake Home

The Bob Elzys of 628 Lewis av, Brooklyn, have gone to their cottage near Greenwood Lake, NY, for the summer. They had as their guests for the July 4 weekend: Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. Mather Boutin, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hill of Orange, NJ.

Mr. Elzy is executive secretary of the Brooklyn Urban League. The Elzys have as their summer neighbors, The Ernest Alexanders, Hubert Delany, Graciel Turner, and the Myles Paiges.

Swim Lesson

The Department of Parks outdoor swimming pools and ice baths beginning Saturday, July 6, open from 10 am until 10 pm. Park and Orchard Beach will

Colonial Pool, Bradhurst av, operated by the Park Department, are to be given from July 5 to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday instruction at 10:30 am; girls and women at 7 pm.

Bostonians Gird To Fight Bigots

BOSTON—Plans were made for the formation of the People's Coordinating Committee in the city of Boston at a meeting at Columbus Avenue AME Zion Church Sunday of last week.

Dr. Donald G. Lathrop, leader of the Community Church, explained the purpose of the committee, which, he said, would direct its efforts toward ameliorating race friction. A. L. V. McQueen acted as chairman of the conference.

"All of us realize," he said, "that there is a tense feeling existing within our community which possibly might burst into uncontrollable flame in the near future."

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by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.



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THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION is over. The blueprint of raucous reaction has been drawn. Unfortunately for the GOP, the people of the United States have drained the bitter cup of Hooverian gall in days past . . . and no longer look to them for progress in any sphere of government; City, State or National.

Dewey is the hero of the GOP and the bane of every forward-looking Negro and white man. His name is a symbol of the future sufferings of the little people left at the mercy of big and corrupt business.

The Republican Convention did not consider the Negro. Wendell Willkie . . . the greatest man that party has produced in many a year did his best to advise them . . . to specifically outline the elements of what the Negro wants and will have from either party if either is to expect his vote this fall. Willkie was talking to a great and feudal mass of bigots and racists who do not intend to discuss the Negro . . . his needs or just desserts.

This pattern of social and political decadence fits in with the mind, program and past performances of Dewey. He is most at home with the sort of rank reaction that ignores the wishes of the people of New York State to have a real Committee on Race Relations appointed, or to have the soldiers vote in a simple, direct way, or to have the unfairness of labor discrimination halted by government measures.

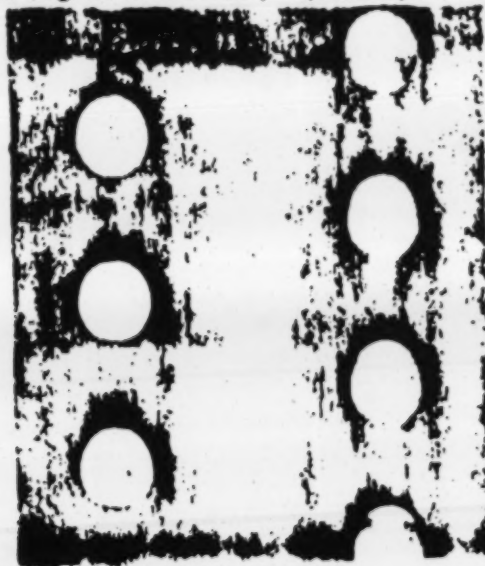
He is very adept at making a few spectacular appointments of qualified Negroes to reasonably important positions

with the hope that the Negroes will forget his mishandling of their interests, his having sent a Negro, Burroughs back to the lynch mobs of the South and the klansmen in his organization throughout the country. That's where Dewey and his party are all wrong. The name of Zimmerman, the K.K.K., "America First," is inextricably linked with Dewey the "Negro-Laster."

The world is in the throes of a war against all that the Republican party stands for. The agreement at Teheran was a wedding of the three greatest nations on earth to guarantee the victory of the unified forces of the Allies. Republicans would repudiate Teheran. They would plunge this country into the confusion and suffering of the Middle Ages. The Negro and all other minorities would be subjected to abject poverty and political tyranny of the meanest sort.

The destiny of the Negro . . . and his minority brothers rests with Roosevelt . . . the Democratic party . . . and in the unified victory in this war of the allied armies dedicated to allow Capitalism and Socialism to remain in a world large enough for them both . . . but to leave no trace of the scourge of Fascism. Fascism must be rooted out of political Europe, the Church, America, and the hearts of people in all three mentioned places.

A vote for the Republican party is a bought link in a cruel chain Negroes will have to wear. A vote for Dewey is a ringside ticket to see the world reel back into a thousand yesterdays each more failure and pain-ridden than the last. A vote against Roosevelt grants entrance, carte blanche, to the arena in which civilization, in one final war . . . not far off . . . will destroy itself . . . or at least you . . . and me and those we love



alter White Examines GOP Platform:

Republicans Have Only One Plank Favorable to Negro

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People last night put the official approval on only one plank adopted by the Republican National Convention platform which may aid legislation favorable to the negro. Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, made the following objection on the GOP platform: "The Republican plank pledging establish-

ment of federal legislation of a general Fair Employment Practices Committee to investigate and eradicate all such discrimination is the only one of the kind of the platform."

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White stated that the section dealing with anti-lynching legislation "does not say whether it is federal, state or municipal legislation, which the Republicans oppose." He further added that "if anti-lynching legislation was meant, it is very futile to advocate legislative action in this regard."

It was White's opinion that anti-lynching legislation would be worth-while if it could be used to end the filibustering of these and northern anti-Negro bills.

He also said that: "It is impossible to vote enthusiastically or vigorously in a Congressional investigation of the NAACP."



WALTER WHITE

platform in its proposal for a Constitutional amendment to abolish the poll tax. "It takes a two-thirds vote of both Houses of Congress

if Senators from 15 states can successfully filibuster, aided directly or indirectly by certain Northern Republican senators, to prevent a vote on an anti-poll tax bill which requires only a majority to pass in the Senate, the power of the anti-poll tax bloc will be even more effective when it requires a two-thirds vote to enact a Constitutional amendment."

He added conclusively: "We shall now wait to see what the Democratic platform will say."

U.S. Must Lead Asia

The United States must take the lead in bringing defeated Japan and all the colonial peoples of the Pacific into the ranks of a "Free Asia" after the war, and must, for its own sake, cooperate with the nations of Asia in a program to raise living standards throughout the Orient, Vice President Wallace declared.

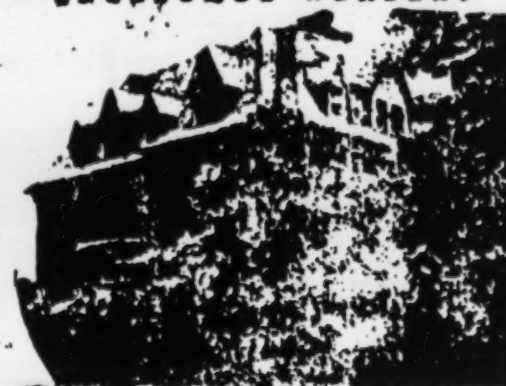
12,000 Sign for Powell

While only 750 signatures on nomination petitions are necessary to place a political candidate in the running, workers in the campaign of Adam Clayton Powell for Congress rolled up the impressive total of 12,000 signatures last week.

Powell received signatures from enrolled members of the three major parties—Democratic, Republican and American Labor Party. With the failure of Harold John and George Harris to file petitions, the race for Congress from the new 12th Congressional District narrows down to only two candidates—Powell and Ross Spanna, who has the backing of the regular Republican party and Governor Dewey, plus the support of the Democratic district leader, Herbert L. Brown, former boss of the 13th Assembly District.

Meanwhile, Powell received the endorsement this week of the Affiliated Young Democrats of New York County. Harold R. Moskowitz, state president of that group, said, that the young Democrats would go on along with him, "to win the November election."

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Cop Shot; Boy, 15, Killed As Kid Gangs Battle

The surefingered marksmanship of Detective Archer Drew, of the recently created special juvenile delinquency squad probably saved several lives and numerous casualties as he brought down the ring leader of a gang that staged a pitched battle with a rival group late Monday night along Bradhurst av from 147 to 155 st.

When the smoke of battle had cleared away one of the youthful hoodlums lay dead, a cop had been seriously injured by a shot from one of the junior gangsters' gun and four other boys had been shot all from guns in the hands of their adversaries. The gangs involved were the Batchelors and the Chancellors.

The trouble had started about 10:30 when one gang seemed to have visited the dance in Colonial Park, given by the Park department, one of the open air summer series featuring "name" bands. Noble Sinsle was playing this one. Suddenly the two gangs congregated on Bradhurst av and the firing started. Into this hail of flying lead rode Detective Drew, in his private car, who was off duty at the time. Sensing the seriousness of the situation he immediately took a position from which he could bark orders for the shooting to stop and at the same time be in position to take whatever further action that might become necessary. Suddenly the two ringleaders started running in different directions as other officers moved into action range. John Moore, 15, who was killed headed towards Drew's position gun in hand. When the

detective ordered him to halt he kept coming. The detective then shot into the air. Moore's answer was to start shooting. A bull's eye found its mark as he darted from behind a car. Refusing to stop several more shots were fired at the fleeing boy. He was finally brought to earth by Patrolman Telepka's flying tackle. He died where he fell on Eighth av before any ambulance arrived.

Asst. Dist. Attorney Paguero assigned to the case said that preliminary investigation seemed to reveal that all of the injured boys were shot by bullets from guns other than those of the cops.

It is agreed by most witnesses that but for Drew's quick trigger action and intervention by other police the neighborhood might easily have been bathed in the blood of innocent bystanders so poor was the marksmanship of the would be desperadoes.

The injured policeman shot through the stomach, was Detective William Frazier, 798 E 106 st. The injured battlers were George Christy, 16, 237 W 142 st; Cleophus Williams, 22, 560 W 144; Victor MacBean, 307 W 153 st; and Herbert Clark, 23, 2816 8 av. Moore, lone fatality of the males lived at 57 W 135 st.

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Educator Sees Peace Only If Yoke Is Lifted

NASHVILLE—All plans for world peace depend upon adjustments that will have to be made by the great white nations toward the colored peoples of the Far East, Dr. Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund and chairman of the newly-created American Council on Race Relations, declared in a lecture delivered before the American Association Institute of Race Relations now being held at Fisk University.

The Institute opened last Monday and will continue through Friday, July 21. All phases of interracial relations are being discussed at the sessions which are being attended by some 70 Negro and white educational, religious, community, and civic leaders from 17 states.

"If we give the Japanese people a chance to throw off their military rulers and carry through a people's revolution we may expect Japan in the future to be a force for world peace and prosperity," Dr. Embree declared.

He said that, on the other hand, "if we occupy Japan solely for vengeance, or if we bolster the conservative forces, as we have so strangely done in Italy and France and Spain, then we will have the continued enmity of Japan and probably also of China and Soviet Russia."

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

I WAS IN CHICAGO attending the Negro People's Assembly during the week the Republican Party Convention was in session. A member of my union who met me at the station remarked ruefully that Chicago would certainly have to do something about the smells around there. First the slaughter-houses and now the Republican Convention.

Frankly, I don't know too much about slaughter-houses. But I hope that July 16th will see the beginning of a cleansing breeze that will sweep throughout Chicago and the rest of the country as well. That is the day the Democrats open their Convention.

We know the Convention floor will witness many an ugly debate. The poll-tax democrats will be on hand to try to prevent the adoption of a platform consistent with FDR's progressive policies. But labor and minority groups have become very articulate since the last national elections and, poll-tax desperation notwithstanding, there are already signs that the pressures of these groups are having good results.

News comes to us today that Majority leader McCormack and Mrs. Norton of the House Labor Committee have been design-



Ferdinand C. Smith

ated as co-chairmen of the all important special resolutions subcommittee. This is encouraging.

Representative Norton has a record of fighting for Administration measures. She supported FDR's veto of the vicious strike-inciting Smith Connally Bill. She voted to do away with the poll tax. Before Congress recessed, Mrs. Norton was outspoken on the need for a permanent FEPC.

The Resolutions Committee is the body that will feel the pulse of the nation and prescribe the treatment. If the Committee hears a loud clamor for solid support behind Franklin D. Roosevelt, and his policies on long-range international cooperation among democratic nations, on equitable taxation, on full employment and peaceful reconversion, it will emerge with that kind of a platform.

Through the haze of Convention smoke, in the days to come, keep your eye on that FEPC issue. The Republicans nodded in this direction. The Democrats must do better than that. It must adopt a full-blown plank calling for a permanent FEPC with the right to enforce its orders. Realistically speaking, to the Negro in the post-war world FEPC will mean Full Employment Possibilities Committee.

Yes. It is up to the Democratic Party now—and you. Rivet your attention on their proceedings and let them hear from you.

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Trouble Brews in Boston Between Negroes, White

BOSTON—With more than 200 Negro servicemen fighting a three-hour pitched battle with 40 policemen last Sunday morning, and with two smaller skirmishes next day between soldiers, civilians and police officers, the fuse to the keg of dynamite underlying this city's thinly-strained race relations was perilously shortened this week.

The battle between the police and the servicemen was staged downstairs under the city's lone Jim Crow USO, and began when a city policeman ordered a group of sailors out of a doorway.

When some 20 of the men had finally been rounded up and jailed, eight were accused of having knives in their possession and all charged with disturbing the peace. All were turned over to military authorities, as was a communication from the judge who heard the case. Ignoring the important issues of a lack of recreation and housing facilities for the men, and the increasing segregation they face, the communication complained that the servicemen do not "properly respect" the civil officers.

In the Monday incidents smaller numbers were involved. A small group of soldiers engaged in a running fight with a few white civilians in one case, with police arriving just as the crowd of whites was becoming menacing large, and a few hours later—again in the segregated USO district—police had considerable difficulty breaking up a group of sailors who objected to being ejected from a restaurant.

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NAACP Campaign Okay

Final count in the membership campaign of the Cleveland branch of the NAACP shows a total of 7,179 members and \$12,925.50 in cash. During the same period the campaign in Los Angeles to date has drawn 6,500 new members with the belief that by July the final count will total 10,000.

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Non-Jimcro Housing Bill A Victory, Says Davis

Although the local bill signed this week by Mayor La Guardia to outlaw discrimination in tax-exempt housing developments does not affect the Jimcro Stuyvesant Town at present, it is a big stick in the hands of liberals for banning racial discrimination in many phases of city life.

This opinion was given by Councilman Benjamin Davis, who took the leadership, with Councilman Stanley Isaacs, in pushing the bill through the City Council.

The bill prevents any future housing project under private ownership from discriminating against tenants because of race, color or creed if it is to be exempted from the payment of real estate taxes.

The approved bill is the final outcome of the fight begun last year by A. Clayton Powell, when he was a member of the City Council, to head off the plans of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to build its "walled city."

Although a bill, introduced by Messrs. Davis and Isaacs, that would have affected the Stuyvesant project did not get through the Council on the grounds that it would have been retroactive, this bill is the next best step, Mr. Davis said, and will prove a strong weapon in his future fight to outlaw discrimination in city projects of all types and also to work on Stuyvesant Town.

"I intend to use this bill," he said, "to try to change the Jimcro regulations of Stuyvesant Town. With mass pressure, we can show the owners that the project is undesirable and not in keeping with city policy. I intend to make the fight on hospitals and other tax-exempt institutions in New York, and I consider this bill a major victory."

Several months ago, the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeals both ruled against those bringing suits and the Council then approved the Metropolitan

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"Carmen Jones" To Jimcra DC?

FLASH—As "PV" went to press, word was received from "Carmen Jones" managers that the show definitely would not play in Washington and Baltimore.

By FLORENCE MURRAY

The question of taking the top-flight Broadway musical show, CARMEN JONES, to Washington, now said to be facing Billy Rose, is a veritable hot potato. Not only does the race issue loom as a good-will destroyer for the show, but it probably will have political repercussions at this time that neither major party would welcome.

As is well known, the nation's capital is a jimcra town. But the racial pattern in theatre segregation as regards the legitimate stage presents a different aspect there than from that in any other segregated city. For Washington is about the only city south of the Mason-Dixon Line where Negroes do not have the opportunity to see stage shows at all.

In practically all other southern cities (although Washingtonians do not like their city referred to as southern, even though it is reached between two jimcra states), Negroes attend the legitimate theatres by using a side or rear entrance and being seated apart in one of the galleries. But in Washington, Negroes have consistently refused to use side entrances and to sit in segregated seats. When, under mass pressure, such a compromise has been offered to them, they have refused to acquiesce.

"PORGY" BREAKS BAR

The National Theatre is now the only stage playhouse in the city, and as far back as I can remember—perhaps farther—only one show has succeeded in breaking down the color line—Porgy and Bess.

In 1936 when this show was scheduled to play at the National, members of the cast, which at that time starred Ted Duncan and Ann Wiggins Brown, protested before

hand and put up a threat not to "go on" if Negroes were barred or segregated. The threat worked, and colored patrons crossed the National's portals on an equal basis with whites.

Shortly before that time a half-hearted attempt was made with *The Green Pastures*. Following threats of picketing by Washington Negroes, supported by Lowell Mellett, then editor of the *Scripps-Howard Daily News*, and a few other liberal whites, the management of the National set aside a Sunday matinee for Negroes to attend. This did not take and the show was sparsely attended.

The issue became a headache again when Bill Robinson came to town with the *Hot Mikado*. Negroes had planned to throw a picket line around the theatre, but on a heart-rending plea from the performers they drew off the line in order to give them what Washingtonians decided at that time was a break.

"OTHELLO" BACKS DOWN

When the Theatre Guild con-

sidered taking *Othello* down to the nation's capital about a year ago, the idea was abandoned and the booking cancelled, due, no doubt, to the strong stand of Paul Robeson and others of the cast.

When all-colored shows are booked for the National, the race issue comes to the fore; but Negroes accept their segregated lot more quietly when white shows are scheduled. Furthermore, theatres are within their legal rights, since the District of Columbia has no civil rights law.

Because this is an election year, Billy Rose's *Carmen Jones* in Washington would become a political bug-a-boo, what with the feelings about race discrimination running higher than usual and the play of both major parties for the Negro vote.

Will Mr. Rose take this on himself? If he does, will the *Carmen Jones* performers stand up united?

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Collins Withdraws From Assembly Race

Charles A. Collins, executive
secretary of the Negro Labor Vic-



tory Committee
and one of the
organizers of
the recently
held Negro
Freedom Rally,
announced this
week that he
will not enter

CHAS. COLLINS the race for the
State Legislature from the 12th
Assembly District. He expressed
his thanks to those who mani-
fested interest in his campaign
and especially to those who, in one
week, secured more than twice the
amount of signatures necessary
to place his name both on the
Democratic and American Labor
Party slates.

Mr. Collins stated that since
there are so many candidates
running, and the program of some
are identical with his own, namely,
full support of President Roose-
velt and Rev. Adam Clayton
Bowell, Jr., he felt that the cause
of unity would be served best by
his withdrawal from the contest.

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SOAPBOX by Adam Clayton Powell Jr.



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IT WAS SYMBOLIC of Free France's desperate fight for survival that a brown woman, the most outstanding contralto of America, should climax the visit of General De Gaulle to the Lewisohn Stadium Monday night by the singing of the French national anthem, the "Marseillaise."

Marian Anderson, guest soloist with the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, led the audience in the singing of the internationally significant freedom song when the leader of the provisional government of France came to the platform accompanied by Mayor LaGuardia.

As her clear, sonorous, beautiful voice rang out, "Ye Sons of Freedom Wake to Glory," the picture of the millions of blacks in the French colonies, who made up the majority of the free Frenchmen when Hitler marched on Paris, and through whom De Gaulle was able to carry on his fight against the Nazi yoke, came to mind.

Yes, these were the first free French, and through their blood, sweat and tears, they have remained the nucleus about which France could rally for her desperate fight for survival.

Will the world soon forget these black saviors of liberty? What will be their fate and the fate of their black brethren over the globe in the post-war world?

It is or us, Negro Americans, to keep their spirit alive—to keep the cause of liberty, fraternite and egalite before the minds and in the hearts of the leaders of the great powers, especially those here in America, most of whom put politics first and squeeze in last, if at all, the principles for which these black men have died.

As the world grows closer and closer together, a feat made possible by the conquest of time and space, wise people sense

the proximity and interrelationship of all world peoples. Negroes, certainly, are not being left behind in this new international thinking and planning.

What affects black France and black Britain and black Holland affects black America. Men of wisdom realize now the hopeless, losing battle of keeping these blacks divided. The humblest man on the street now-a-days is asking England "What about India and Africa?"; is asking Holland, "What about the Dutch Indies?"; is asking France, "What about French Africa?" as well as asking America, "What about your black, brown and yellow citizens?"

They will no longer be satisfied with the picayune scheming of those political leaders who cry, "America First," realizing, as they do, that those who hide behind the cry of "America First," really mean "white men first."

As I said the other night in my first bandwagon talk to the people: "There was a time when light Negroes were aligned against dark ones, when professional Negroes cared little for what the laborers were doing, when Republican Negroes fought Democrats, and vice versa. But now, they are crossing color lines and class lines and political lines. Republicans, Democrats, Communists, Socialists are rallying behind the best man, and that means the man with the vision, the wisdom and the guts to put that wisdom into practice and make that vision a reality."

They no longer point with pride to the fact that one or two of their group are given fat jobs, and that a compromise with equality is made now and then to appease them. They are no longer saying "we don't want social equality, merely economic equality." They know now that there can be no compromise with liberty; that social and economic equality are inseparable and one cannot be obtained without its complement, the other.

That is the hopeful sign of America and the world today.

No Place for Negroes On Republican Committee

With the announcement last week of the newly selected executive committee of the Republican party, Negro leaders have already noted with concern that the list completely ignores them. Coming as it does on the heels of the recent high-sounding national Republican convention "planks" for the Negro people, the omission has drawn fire from Negroes.

According to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., running for Congress

campaign to elect Thomas E. Dewey as President and John W. Bricker as Vice-President. Powell went on to point out that the selection was "representative" of all the country and took in all regions.

Members of the newly named executive committee include: Harry Dwyer, Kansas; Mrs. W. P. Fox, North Carolina; Harvey Jewett Jr., South Dakota; Bank T. Mattingly, Missouri; Carroll Reed, Tennessee; Mrs. Rene Schlegel, New Jersey; Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Pennsylvania; J. Russ Sprague, New York; Sinclair Weeks, Massachusetts; Mrs. Jess Williamson, California; Mrs. Robert F. Archibald Jr., Colorado; Clarence J. Brown, Ohio; Ralph J. Calk, Oregon, former campaign manager for Wendell Willkie; Mrs. Chris Carlson, Minnesota; Col. E. B. Croager, Texas.

Oh, Mr. Dewey!

Ashes to ashes,

Dust to dust,

If Dewey don't slay you,

Then Bricker must.



THESE YOUNGSTERS HAVE COMPLETED A COOKING COURSE which was conducted by the Brooklyn Red Cross Nutrition Service at the Ft. Green Health Center, 295 Flatbush av Extension, Brooklyn, to teach children how to prepare simple, nutritious meals at low cost. The class was initiated at the suggestion of the children who listened to informal talks on nutrition as they waited to be treated at the dental clinic in the health center. Under the direction of Mrs. Essie M. Jacobson, 12 Negro and white girls and boys enrolled in the first of the series of classes, and now have a working knowledge of food that they can apply in their homes. Above are Joshua Murray, at the stove, and at the table (l. to r.), Harriet Sharkey, Jean Hardy, Edward Phalen, Melvin Johnson, and instructor Mrs. Essie Jacobson.

New Yorkers Greet DeGaulle

General Charles DeGaulle was greeted by a telegram on the day of his arrival in Washington, sent by Paul Robeson, Max Yergan and other New Yorkers. The message praised the "progressive measures and outlook for the French colonies" which have taken shape under the Free French administration.

"We look to France," it said further, "to play a prominent role in the fulfillment of the democratic aims of the United Nations with respect to the colonial peoples of Africa and other areas."

Other signing the telegram were Dr. Charles A. Peten, Mrs. Amy Ashwood Garvey, J. A. G. Smith, and Jean A. Lamoureux, who composed the Eboue Memorial Committee.

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AWOL Two Weeks, GI Returns to Camp

Special AWOL for nearly two weeks from Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., Pvt. Archie Gittens, 21, resident of 17 W 116 st, New York City, wrote his Commanding Officer on July 10: "I ran away from camp on June 28, but I am coming back. . . I expect to arrive before Thursday of this week." Behind this letter lies a tragic story of the morale-defeating jimcrowism to which Negro soldiers

are far too often subjected in southern Army camps and neighboring towns.

Telling his Commanding Officer, "I want you to know why I left and why I have decided to return," Pvt. Gittens goes on to relate:

• although reluctant to enter the Army when drafted, a patriotic, what-we-are-fighting-for speech at the induction center changed his attitude. "It made me think that . . . I should go in and do my part."

• "but when I was taken down South to Dale Mabry Field, in Tallahassee, Florida, it seemed like I was in another world, no longer in the United States."

• there he encountered jimcrowism in the town, jimcrowism in the camp, brutality by the white MPs, and even rank discrimination in the guard-house.

• "It changed my whole idea about my part in this war, and finally got so bad that I just couldn't take any more. That is when I ran away."

The letter continues:

• "I am coming back on the order of the editor of PEOPLE'S VOICE . . . and the words of my mother. They have made me understand that this is no way to fight discrimination in the Army, that I should return to camp and be a good soldier, and let the people in civilian life carry on the fight for democratic equality in the armed forces, and everywhere else."

• "I know that I am coming back to face the serious charge of desertion. I know the penalty will be hard. But I will take whatever comes like a good soldier, and I hope soon to be returned to active duty."

A native of New York City, Pvt Archie Gittens was first stationed in Kansas, then in Ken-

tucky, then at Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee, and finally at Drew Field in Tampa, where he was in the guard-house when he went AWOL.

When he first approached PW, he was extremely bitter, determined not to return to camp, and insisted that he didn't care what happened to him. He leaves New York to return "feeling a whole lot better," as he expressed it, and understanding a great deal more about the major forces in conflict in this war, and about the effective way to combat the undemocratic practices which are still far too common even within the American democratic armies of liberation.

(NOTE: See editorial comment on page 16.)

John Gandy, Jr. Gets Promotion

THE NEW HEBRIDES, South Pacific—John M. Gandy, jr., son of Dr. John M. Gandy, president

GRANTS FOR TOILETRIES Summer Complexion Aid



Hair Tonic
80c size Vaseline Hair Tonic improves condition of scalp, dresses hair. . . 37¢



Remover
80c size. Most polish remover comes on the money-saving, 2 oz. jar size. . . 7¢



Special Dressing
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Dewey Flayed; FDR Lauded

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., and Max Yergan were among those urging the re-election of President Roosevelt in addresses made before the International Workers' Order meeting in its sixth annual convention at Manhattan Center last week. Delivering a rousing speech at the closing of the convention, the Rev. Mr. Powell, Congressional candidate from the 22nd District, declared that Governor Dewey "represents a pattern of Hitler in America" and that forces supporting his candidacy are the "most sinister elements of American reaction."

Max Yergan, president of the Council on African Affairs and of the National Negro Congress, urged the re-election of Roosevelt to preserve the unity needed for the winning of the war and the unity to carry on world affairs after the war.

"The forthcoming election," said the Rev. Mr. Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, "will be historic in deciding whether the American people shall win the peace while their sons are winning the war. The election of Dewey would be catastrophic to America. It would reduce the country to a second-class power."

The IWO adopted resolutions supporting all organizations and groups in waging "effective action against every and all attempts to deny the Negro people their basic democratic right to vote," and one endorsing a permanent FEPC.

The entire convention went on record as urging the re-election of President Roosevelt as "indispensable for the speediest victory for the achievement of a just peace, for the winning of equality for all races and national groups of our nation."

New Faculty for School
TALLAHASSEE (ANP)—The appointment of 38-year-old Dr. William H. Gray as president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College to succeed the late Dr. J. R. E. Lee, who died several months ago, was announced last week by the state board of control. Dr. Gray was formerly president of Florida Normal and Industrial Institute in St. Augustine.



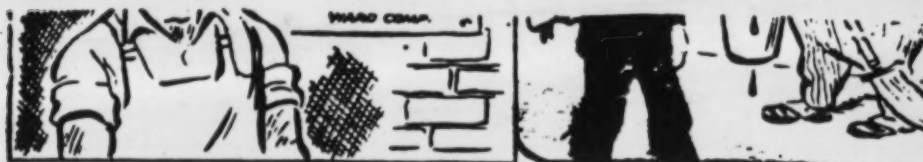
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Call to Action Features NAACP Confab in Chi

CHICAGO—A call to action on the problems of the right to vote, employment, housing and discrimination in the armed forces will highlight the NAACP wartime conference here July 12-16 inclusive. The sessions, held in the Metropolitan Community Church, opened this Wednesday night with a keynote address by

NYC Judge Hubert T. Delany and a speech by CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey on *The Stake of Organized Labor And The Negro In The November Election*.

At the conference, which will close Sunday afternoon with a huge outdoor meeting in Washington Park, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, is scheduled to report on his recent trip to England, Ireland, North Africa, Italy and the Middle East. Marshall Field, publisher of *PM* in NY and the *Sun* in Chicago, will be one of the main speakers.

Presentation of the 29th Spingarn Medal to Dr. Charles R. Drew of Howard University for his work in blood plasma will be made by Dr. Ernest A. Hooton, also of Howard University.

Delegates from 33 states and the District of Columbia were welcomed to the meeting by Gov. Dwight H. Green, Mayor Edward J. Kelly and Rev. Archibald J. Carey. The meeting was preceded by a parade, headed by Col. Clifton E. Jones, Commander of the 8th Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia.

Negro Troops Praised At NAACP Conference

CHICAGO—In a greeting read to the NAACP Wartime Conference at its opening session here July 12, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Invasion Forces, praised the work of Negro troops during the invasion. The message, transmitted to Walter White through the War Department Bureau of Public Relations in Washington, stated:

"Negro troops did their duty excellently under fire on Normandy's beaches in a zone of heavy combat and suffered substantial casualties. You may well be proud of the accomplishments of Negro troops. In conjunction with all our forces in the European liberation campaign they have made their full contribution to the initial success."

New Yorkers Healthier This Year, City Reports

Deaths and disease rates are lower at the end of the first half of 1944 than they were during the corresponding period in 1943, according to reports of the city health department. While deaths were fewer, births were also fewer. Of the nine diseases resulting in deaths during the week closed, only two showed increased incidence—whooping cough and meningococcus meningitis. Tuberculosis cases also decreased.

Capitol Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Negro administration aide, who has been in the White House for some time, has been a busy body. The aide has been in the White House for some time, has been a busy body. The aide has been in the White House for some time, has been a busy body.

Administrative aides are the advisers who surround the President. They help him in making decisions. On matters of great importance, the President always consults one of the 11 white group (Stephen Early, David Niles, Jonathan Daniels, etc.), who are supposed to be "advisers" for the Negro.

Powerful Negro Democratic interests have long wanted Negro representation among the administrative aides on the grounds that advice on Negro affairs from a white man, no matter how well he knows the Negro mind, the mark too often. Approached on the subject of their part in the coming campaign, they promptly indicated that appointment of a Negro administrative aide would not only help among the voters but would stimulate their own otherwise unpredictable enthusiasm.

"How can it be a crime for a Negro boy to steal a watermelon? The stolen was cool and the boy was hot. It was an irreparable injury," declared a white lawyer in the District Court here last week. The court promptly endorsed this beautifully paternal attitude by suspending sentence and freeing the "boy"—who happened to be 33 years old.

Interest of the Germans in the coming presidential elections with the hope of a Republican victory—and a consequent chance to "do business" on peace terms—was reported here a few weeks back. German propaganda this week underplayed the report with loud disclaiming of any interest in the elections. Radio Berlin, according to report, has been airing the contention that they expect no change in U.S. foreign policy as related to Germany if the Republicans win.

"The agreement of the Republicans with the guiding principles of Roosevelt's foreign policy has been stated frequently enough," a Nazi broadcaster is quoted as declaring. "Boy, let's have another look at that Republican platform—what have we overlooked?"

Race riot threats still hang low over Detroit, wrote a daily columnist here last week. Nor are they too far away from the capital either, with the humidity adding to the edginess of tempers already tensed by the insidious propaganda which permeates in Washington.

None of the badly-congested surface transportation system is many passengers' insistence on standing up, densely packed together in one section of the car even though several single seats may be available. Whites who do this are often fresh from the South and stand rather than take a seat which happens to be next to a Negro. But many Negroes prefer to stand too—rather than take a seat next to "some of these Southerners" as one motherly middle-aged woman put it.

Ever since the FEPC announced a week ago that hearings had been scheduled in St. Louis, the War Department has been very upset. Although FEPC has not yet revealed what plants or agencies have been complained against in St. Louis, it is reported that from pretty high in the War Department have come appeals and efforts to have FEPC call off the hearings. General rumor is that War Department would prefer to try and straighten out the complaints itself because some of the stuff which would come out in public hearings might not look too good.

Nobody seems to know, or is willing to talk, about the shooting of the 16-year-old Negro laborer by a young inch-trigger-fingered marine down at Cedar Springs near here recently. The laborer didn't die, it seems—although he was shot in the back.

Nobody will believe it until she shows it but there's a colored girl here, an attractive dark brown-skinned lass, who possesses a treasury card of admission to the U.S. Senate gallery. Getting such a card is easy. One merely visits the office of the Senator from one's home state and asks for it.

This young lady is from New York. Her card, however, is signed by Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi.

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GOD AND HIS TALENTED CHILDREN

NO TIME FOR RELAXATION

Lincol saw me and talked over. "Hallow Rev., come in, come in." He was dratched with the verve of an honest workman, happy in his task. We talked of the nation . . . of the war . . . of Rev. Adam Powell's election. Lincol wanted to know what more he could do to assure Adam's victory. His donation, he thought, was not enough. We went into an adjoining room to chat with Harry Ulanov, the handsome young editor of *Metrogram*, a musical magazine with a social purpose and the soulful appreciation of performers as people.

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RELIGION ON STAGE AND OFF

Barry Ulanov, looked at me, shook his head and said, "Reverend there is a religious man." I agreed. Hampton has a simple religion . . . the kind that works. He exploits himself for the pleasure of others. Christ did this . . . so did Buddha, Mohammed, Meen, Kaga, and the little man on the saxophone on the corner of 125 st and Lenox av. Hampton could not speak in the elegant clarity of his vibraphone if he had a chance.

Barry caught the note here and ventured further. He, too, is a mystic. As the most informed student of the modern idiom, Tulasz spoke of practical mysticism with the ease of a theologian. He said, in effect, Hampson is a great man because he has the beautiful sense of the Godly, the prodigious zeal of the faithful and the common touch of those who walk with men—in the market places . . . at work and at play. Because he is so completely approachable . . . he is loved. The long waiting lines that broke all attendance records at the Apollo are the testimony to him and his band . . . to his humanity

and there.

The place where bands play and the people who go to hear them are more often the sources of prejudice than are the men who make the music. Talent has the capacity for human understanding . . . sort down away with hatred. When it does not, it is not art. *Swing* solves the race problems much better than diplomats. Music makes them one. As Rubel Haskley, the vocalist with Hampton, sang, "I'll Be Coming You," a little white girl in the balcony shouted, "Frankie . . . Frankie." This was obviously the frantic call of youth for the peer of pulse-pounders, Sinatra! but the sang of *Hampton's* male vocalist was equal to Sinatra's . . . color did not matter.

What I say here about Hampton is true for white bands as well. Of course there are some performers, Negro and white, who are bank varnishes . . . North and South, but men for men, there is less hatred among artists than among those of us who make up the audience.

Brownskin Boulevard

By DAVID WATKINS

LEON BROWNE, 225 of UFA Union Road Chairman, with one of the Seventh av parade floats. The float is a float and when you see it . . . how many points do I need for a float of this size? . . . Alice Barry, copper-colored queen of the Double Agent, has decorated the Harlem Highway and is now working her way to Hollywood. . . . Sam Owens, once-around-around, has been doing some serious training at the Red Rouser Bar for his tenth death anniversary. . . . and took a terrific beating . . . but says all he needs was two more highballs. . . . oh sure. . . . "Miller" Lane, popular Seventh av finger nail decorator, will pitch her tent at the Roger Morris Apts. in the fall. In the near future. . . . Toddy Daniels, well-known undertaker and churchman is looking for a home in the country. . . . not yet, Tod, wait until your creditors start chasing you. . . . Look girls, if the big friend promises to bring you flowers on a Sunday. . . . better tell him to buy 'em before 3 pm. . . . The Harlem Flamingo Assn. has agreed to close on Sundays at three. . . . oh don't mention it, girls, quite welcome.

BILL HURST, eighth av sub train dispatcher, is leading his class at Brooklyn College Law School with some of the best marks ever achieved over a two-year period. . . . Ruth J. Wilson, Draft Board No. 59 stenographer, is going to increase the population. . . . she's been reading a book called, "How To Fold Diapers And Influence Children". . . . Harold Jackman of Stage Door Center, would like to see more Harlemites volunteer to work with the Center where democracy is practiced without any ifs, ands or buts, to every man in uniform without exception. . . . well, how about it? . . . Mariel Scott, former "PV" business manager, is now an economist for the Federal Government. . . . no more worries for us, she'll take care of the post-war planning and if she doesn't, we'll take care of her. . . . Charles White, artist, teacher, and now a soldier in the US Army is attending a Camouflage School at Camp Ellis. . . . that's fair, do a good job. . . . Two new housing projects are in the making for the Harlem area with Vernon A. Tandy mapping some of the plans. . . . for which I suggest a round of applause.

LUCILLE BLACK, Sec. to the Director of Branches and Doris Brown, Walter White's Sec., off to the NAACP convention in Chicago to supervise the administrative work. . . . someone should tell her to stay clear of the stockyards as she might run into a wolf in sheep's clothing. . . . Gladys and Bob "Soup" Jones have their toes pointed in the direction of New Hampshire and their farm. . . . they always invite many guests. . . . tell them to bring overalls. . . . that's right. . . . when "Soup" gives you a pick and shovel with your name on it. . . . then you know what a chain gang is like. . . . Marion (Theresa Beauty Shop) James likes to view the Seventh av parade from her balcony perch. . . . John R. McNeil, one of Harlem's first influential members of Tammany Hall has a head of hair that looks like the "White Cliffs of Dover". . . . the gals turn around and give him a second look. . . . Cars La Radd, former Cotton Club star drives a taxi just like any other backstage cowboy. . . . never hit a traffic cop, yet.

HELEN WILKINS CLAYTOR, YMCA National Executive Board Member took a choo-choo for Grand Rapids last Saturday to join her doctor hubby. . . . waved good-bye to her business career and lots of well wishers. . . . Ed. Strong, National Negro Congress Executive Secretary hit town in one of Uncle Sam's droppers after finishing his basic training. . . . and looking thinner than a nite club steak. . . . Cindy (Savoy) Bone felt awful bad because nothing worth printing had come to her attention this week. . . . don't worry la Bone, it's too hot for things to happen. . . . Donald Davis, Kansas City "Call" newspaper man hated to leave New York. . . . thought it was lovely. . . . particularly the part that wears high-heeled shoes. . . . Louise Patterson, IWO Vice-Pres, in town with her 1-year-old image, Mary Lou, to see the sights. . . . Kid took one look at me and said, "Mama, w-balls sight!"

LIONEL HAMPTON, famed band leader, took out his fountain pen last week and wrote a substantial check for the Byrdell Congressional campaign. . . . of course the pen had ink in it, you dope. . . . Margie Easterling, blue-eyed defense worker, was seen buying green bananas, for her white poodle, I guess. . . . Cecil "Babe" Cooke, Rupert's ace salesman, has a surprise up his sleeve. . . . ask him about it, when you see him. . . . Harlem Branch YMCA 135 st, has a display of 38 men who have raised or contributed \$100 or more. . . . six are white. . . . among them are ex-Gov. Lehman, Mac (Savoy) Galt, and Jack Blumstein. . . . nice work, fellas. . . . things that make you burn: with the temperature 100 degrees in the shade, you pass a pawnshop and what do you see? . . . a nice big, mug, warm overcoat for sale hanging in the window. . . . then ya feel like hanging someone to get even.

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There are enclosed herewith clippings from the July 22, 1944 issue of the Negro weekly newspaper, "The People's Voice."

Copies of the clippings are being retained in the appropriate files in the New York Field Division.

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A "Daily News" Simulated Riot?

FIFTY-SECOND STREET may be the "black and tan" den of iniquity that observers report. But the public interest is not served by touching a match to a known keg of powder.

The case in point is Ed Sullivan's inflammatory line in the "Daily News" of July 10. He writes: "Aside to Comm. Valentine: You'd better clean up conditions at 52nd Street and Sixth Avenue quickly before a race riot leads to a killing!"

This is reckless and irresponsible journalism in the extreme. What is the "Daily News" trying to do?

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Bishops, Judges Plead In Fisher-Lowry Case

Seven bishops and five judges joined in the plea filed with President Roosevelt on June 10 for full clemency for Privs. Frank Fisher, jr. and Edward R. Lowry, who are serving ten and eight-year prison terms respectively on a charge of raping a white woman in New Caledonia last summer.

The plea was filed by Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Dean William H. Hastie of the Howard University law school. The two soldiers were originally sentenced to life imprisonment, but following agitation by various liberal groups, the Secretary of War reduced their terms.

The bishops signing the plea are the Right Revs. William F. Remington, C. C. Alleyne, Walter Mitchell, John C. White, Noah W. Williams, Francis J. McConnell and James K. Humphrey. The judges are Justice Francis E. Rivera, Justice Jane M. Bolin, and Justice James S. Watson, of New York; District Judge William A. Anderson and Judge Edward P. Tilton, of Minneapolis.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE STATES got together in Jersey City recently in the interest of the national convention of the Beauty Culturists League, which is scheduled to meet in Philadelphia August 6. The group planned to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the league. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Cordelia Green Johnson, national president; Miss Jeannette Brown, New Jersey state inspector; H. Holland Fields, president of the Philadelphia Merchants Association; Mrs. Minnie D. Hurley of the Pore School of New York and treasurer of the league; and Mrs. M. V. Moore of Jersey City, national custodian.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

THE LIFTING of the Army ban on the recruitment of Negro nurses poses a sharp challenge which must be met if this important victory against jimcrow is to have any real significance.

Truman K. Gibson, Jr., civilian aide to Secretary of War Stimson, has pointed out that "no Negro nurses had been recruited for four years." This emphasizes the scope of the victory, which already has reverberated throughout the colonial world.



What is needed now, Ferdinand Smith to give flesh and blood to this victory, is an immediate, patriotic response on the part of the nation's 8,000 Negro nurses. In their experienced and capable hands rests a golden opportunity to ease a critical shortage of Army Nurse Corps personnel, and to strike a further blow for Negro progress: **TO ACCELERATE THE CAMPAIGN TO END JIMCROW IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

What is the situation at the present time?

As of March, 1944, only 220 Negro nurses, assigned to four Army hospitals serving Negro troops. One unit of 15 Negro nurses is on duty in the South Pacific. By the end of this year 5,000 more nurses, re-

gardless of color, are needed to care for our wounded on every front.

Through the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, hundreds of qualified Negro nurses have striven for the opportunity to serve their country.

Now is the time for them to come forward. They can carry the torch for the further advancement of their people on another important front.

New problems may arise in the application of this new Army policy. This should not deter Negro nurses from answering the country's call. Any problems that may come up should speedily be referred to Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, executive secretary of the Association, for follow-up action. This is the organizational manner in which any unforeseen joker in the new regulation may be exposed.

This is a decisive moment. The Negro people are as patriotic as all other Americans in their desire to help our nation to victory. Should our Negro nurses apply too slowly for their Army commissions, the Peglers and their ilk will spew more disruptive poison to divide the people.

I'm confident our Negro nurses know the score and that their response will advance mightily the cause of full Negro freedom. In New York applications for commissions should be made to Miss Eleanor Lee, Director, Red Cross Recruitment Center, 139 East 36th Street. Her phone number is MUrray Hill 4-4455, Ext. 260.

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AMONG THE LEADERS who joined the delegation to Albany last Thursday to appeal to Governor Dewey to accept the Federal War Ballot for New York servicemen and women were (l to r) Rev. William N. Mellish, Church of Holy Trinity; Canada Lee, actor; Sam Jaffe, actor; Moss Hart, playwright and chairman of the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee for the Servicemen's vote, responsible for this "eleventh hour" appeal; Agnes De Mille, brilliant dancer and choreographer; and James P. Warburg, author.

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No Riot Breeding Causes On 52nd Street, PV Finds

By JOE BOSTIC

Alarmed by the possible repercussions of the inflammatory statements of a Broadway columnist for a local daily, PV made a trek to 52nd st Monday night for a survey of the so-called "problem area." I interviewed musicians, patrons and nightclub owners—people with a stake in Swing

Street—to see if they felt the same apprehension over the imminence of a race clash as the alarmist scribbler. The consensus is that the people closest to the situation emphatically feel no such concern and further that the writer actually had done the street a real disservice by his veiled implication.

The "incident" which was built up to appear to be a pattern of behaviour for the whole street was one in which an inebriated Southern sailor objected to a mixed couple and struck the girl, who was white, knocking her to the floor. When he reached the street from the White Rose Cafe he was promptly flattened. Regaining consciousness after about 20 minutes he enlisted the aid of a score of other sailors and returned to stage a pitched battle but was unable to find his conqueror.

In the Onyx club, I talked to Orrin "Hot Lips" Page, ace trumpeter formerly with Artie Shaw's band. He summed the situation up completely with the observation that "that columnist like many others are busy trying to appease southerners of the fascist ilk."

Sammy Krackower, co-owner of the Three Deuces, said that there

had never been any racial friction in his place. There have always been perfectly harmonious relations until the influx of "crackers" in uniform and they have inflated ideas of their importance.

Joe Springer, a white piano player who was sitting in with the mixed jam band at the Onyx, said "I believe in democracy and find it here among fellow musicians. There is no reason for any trouble."

In the Downbeat club I talked to Coleman Hawkins, Benny Moten, Joe Thomas and Kenny Watts, all brilliant instrumentalists. The feeling among them was that the race angle was being played up not because the screamers want to rectify a condition but rather that they wish to create turmoil and friction.

Cozy Cole, the ace drummer, Clark Monroe, Clyde Hart and Charlie Shavers all spoke of the scourge of pimps and loose women that has created a real problem that didn't exist when only musicians and performers frequented the White Rose and other bars.

Sullivan has created a bogey that doesn't exist but if Commissioner Valentine doesn't take steps to curb the gestapo behaviour of police assigned to the area there WILL be trouble.

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Juvenile or Police Delinquency—Which?

Saturday night's police roundup of 26 youth, five of whom were under 16, was called inexcusable, unjustifiable, conducive to escalating and juvenile delinquency, by a milling crowd outside of the 22nd Police Prec. on 135 st. According to an undisputed story two boys engaged in a fist-fight about 10 pm Saturday night on 134 st just off 7 av. A crowd gathered, in which were a number of youths, some who had just left the YMCA, others who were members of the St. Christopher Boys Club, of St. Philip's PE Church, and still others who belonged to the Salem Crescent Club, of Salem ME Church.

When the police arrived the fight was over and the youths, along with the other adults, were still lingering about. According to eye-witnesses, about twenty boys who had not participated in the brawl were picked up indiscriminately, and taken to the police station where they were booked for disorderly conduct.

From the crowd that gathered before the police station came protests that these innocent kids could suffer the stigma of a police record, as a result of over-ambitious and indiscriminate police activity.

All interviewed in the crowd claimed there was no gang fight. An arresting officer, Patrolman Scott, said that no knives were found on the boys.

Some who understand police procedure said that children under 16 who were not guilty of any wrong should be turned over to the Juvenile Aid Bureau. They particularly regretted this spectacle in Harlem since it followed so closely the shooting of two youths at the 145th st swimming pool recently in what police called gang activity.

The youths under 16 picked up Saturday night were Alvin Gaddy, 2457 7th av; George Crawford, 314 W 152 st; Graham Cumberbatch, 224 W 131 st; Milton Williams, 27 W 123 st, and James Thornton, 2521 8th av.

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Nationwide Liberal Committee Is Set to Re-elect Roosevelt

WASHINGTON—Prominent Negro leaders hold 6 of the 83 memberships on the broad, newly organized National Citizens Political Action Committee to re-elect President Roosevelt and a progressive Congress which will support his policies. Among the leading members of the committee are Mary McLeod Bethune, president, National Council of Negro Women; Roscoe Dunjee, editor and publisher, "The Black Dispatch," Oklahoma; Judge



ROBESON



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William Hastie, dean, Howard Law School, Washington; Paul Robeson, actor, New York City; Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Mayor's Committee on Racial Relations, Chicago; and P. B. Young, publisher, Norfolk Journal and Guide, Virginia.

The new committee also includes many progressive white citizens who have proved to be staunch champions of full democratic rights for the people. Among them are Sidney Hillman, president, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Chairman, CIO Political Action Committee; R. J. Thomas, vice-president, United Automobile Workers; Clark Foreman, president, Southern Conference on Human Welfare; Dr. Will W. Alexander, vice-president, Julius Rosenwald Fund; Joseph Curran, president, National Maritime Union; Dr. James A. Dombrowski, executive secretary, Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Edwin R. Embree, president, Julius Rosenwald Fund; Max Lerner, editorial writer, PM; Philip Murray, president, Congress of Industrial Organizations; George W. Norris, Nebraska; Edward G. Robinson, actor, Hollywood; Lillian Smith, editor, South Today and author of Strange Fruit; and Aubrey Williams, National Farmers Union.

In announcing the NCPAC, Sidney Hillman, chairman, listed its main functions as follows:

- to act as a collecting agency for everyone who wants to contribute to the organization's aims;
- to give an opportunity to the

average citizen to help elect Roosevelt and a progressive Congress.

The Committee, which includes authors, writers, businessmen, educators, farm leaders and others, seeks to influence broader sections of the voting population than the CIO Political Action Committee, of which Sidney Hillman is also the national chairman.

Hillman said the new committee "is a non-partisan organization dedicated to the election of President Roosevelt and progressive Americans, regardless of their formal party affiliations may participate in its work."

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Negro Leaders Set Demands at Chicago

Special

CHICAGO—On the eve of the Democratic National Convention, it is clear that the question of Negro democratic rights looms large in the thinking of delegates now assembling in Chicago. Directly and indirectly, this issue is certain to play an important, perhaps a decisive, role in convention deliberations. Appearing before the Resolutions Committee early in the week on be-

half of 25 national Negro organizations, Walter White of the NAACP and Malcolm Jackson of Dallas presented demands for clear-cut anti-discrimination planks in the Democratic platform. Also testifying were Bishop R. R. Wright and Bishop J. A. Bray, representing the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, and Dr. R. C. Lewis of the Illinois

State Interracial Committee. Dr. Max Yergan, president of the National Negro Congress, was also scheduled to speak.

Despite hundreds of proposals from Negro and other groups, the prevailing sentiment here seems to favor a short platform of a few hundred words, including a general anti-discrimination plank. It is known that the President prefers a short platform and to stand on his record of twelve years.

The so-called "rump," all-Negro Progressive Democratic Party of South Carolina, headed by John McCray, was denied convention credentials by the executive committee of the National Democratic Committee. Nevertheless, according to Oscar R. Ewing, vice chairman of the National Committee, the South Carolina Negro delegation continues strongly in support of President Roosevelt's re-election.

The cloud of pre-convention rumors and statements over the choice of President Roosevelt's

running mate tends to obscure what observers point out as the basic point of controversy; namely, Vice President Wallace's fighting humanitarianism, and especially his forthright stand against racial discrimination. It is believed by most experienced political analysts that the fight against Wallace's re-nomination, emanating especially from the southern delegations, is in reality a flank attack against the President.

It is obvious that this convention will lack the surface "harmony" of the recent G.O.P. convention in June. The difference, as explained by one long-time Negro delegate, rests largely in the fact that "reactionaries were in complete dominance of the Republican convention, whereas the noisy anti-Roosevelt poll taxers, although still struggling for a program of reaction, are a distinct minority among the Democrats."

"F. D. R. and Roosevelt supporters are still the dominant force in this convention," he added.

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Faker Brown at It Again!

According to the Scripps-Howard World-Telegram, Edgar G. Brown, self-styled political commentator of Chi-

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ALLEGED POLL IS FANTASTICAL, BROWN SAYS IN CHURCH
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cago and Washington, has made another of his personal surveys whooping it up for Dewey. According to Brown, the newspaper stated this week, a poll of 220 of the delegates attending the wartime conference of the NAACP in Chicago showed that 122 favored the G.O.P. Presidential candidate and only 22 were for Roosevelt.

But according to Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, Brown is not only talking through his hat, but is disseminating "purious and self-interested publicity."

White, in a telegram to PV, declared that Brown passed out only a few slips of paper to passersby outside of the church where the conference is being held, and that about a dozen persons took the time to write on the slips. Of the few who wrote their choices, he said, some were not delegates to the conference.

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Dorothy K. Funn To Aid Powell

The assignment of Dorothy K. Funn to mobilize the women of Harlem to support Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. for Congress, was announced here this week by Dr. Max Yergan, President of the National Negro Congress.

Miss Funn, Labor and Legislative Director of the National Negro Congress, has devoted major attention to political action among Negroes during the last few months. She assisted in the organization of and participated in the three significant mid-west conferences held last month; the Michigan State-wide Conference on the 1944 Elections and the Negro People, held in Detroit and the Mid-west Negro People's Assembly for a Fourth Term and the Douglas-Washington Institute Conference held simultaneously in Chicago.

Dr. Yergan indicated Miss Funn's new assignment is in line with the political action program of the Congress to support the reelection of President Roosevelt and the election of a victory Congress dedicated to follow the President's leadership.

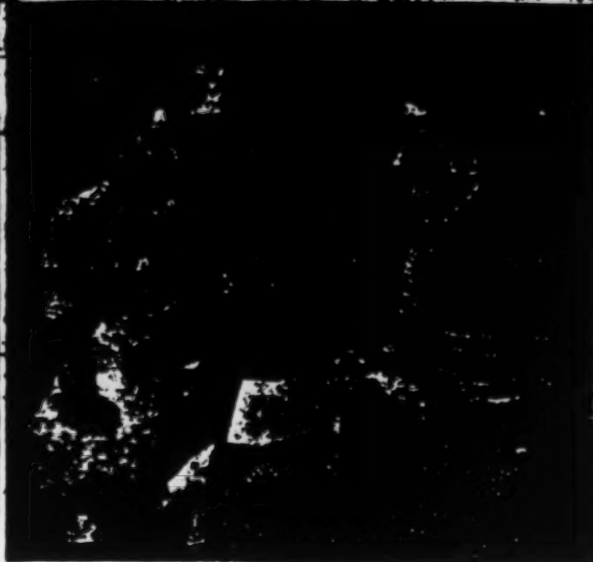
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ANNE MASON, CIO FIELD REPRESENTATIVE receives initial instruction in her new work from Mrs. Verda Barnes, chairman of the Women's Division of the CIO Political Action Committee.

First Negro Woman Joins National CIO Staff

By AUGUSTA STRONG

Anne Mason, youthful, earnest, vivacious—is the newest appointee to the Political Action Committee (PAC) of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the only Negro woman ever to serve on its national staff. She arrived in New York this week from Cincinnati, Ohio to become one of three field representatives in the

PAC Women's Division and is looking forward enthusiastically to beginning her new duties.

With long experience in working with women's organizations and in political action groups in her own city, Anne Mason feels confident that she can handle the many problems involved in carrying through the PAC program to "get out the vote" for a fourth term for President Roosevelt and the election of progressive candidates to Congress.

"This job is a real challenge," Miss Mason stated. "I have always sincerely believed that Negro women need to take more part in politics. Many women have a tendency to believe that participation in politics will besmirch them, while there truthfully are a good many things that they could change, if they were more active in politics."

Part of Miss Mason's job will be to help break down the reserve that has resulted in our country's having, usually, a far larger percentage of men than women voters. She is first interested in getting as many women as pos-

sible to register to vote in November—that is a question which she finds more important to work on in the smaller cities than in the large metropolitan areas where women have always voted in large numbers. She will work through the women in labor unions, through the families of men who are unionists, and with such organizations as sororities, women's clubs, and churches.

"It is an excellent time for this sort of thing," Miss Mason observes. "This year, with so many men in the armed services about 60% of the voters will be women. We will concentrate on getting votes for national candidates and work in sections with the largest electoral votes. I'll probably work first in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana."

Miss Mason's initiation into civic and political activities came in Cincinnati where she taught in the public schools for 12 years, while she spent her spare time fighting to open more job opportunities for Negro women and in breaking down "chain lines" among women's clubs so that all might

be able to participate in the activities of the Women's V Council which is affiliated with the YWCA in working out arrangements for war veterans and which conducted a successful "Gold Star Job Campaign" with the assistance of the Nat'l Council of Negro Women. When the United Auto Workers' Union (CIO) came to Cincinnati to organize the aircraft industry, she was among the community leaders who helped arouse public support for their efforts.

Public recognition of her useful service to the city was given last year when the local Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter chose her as "1944's Woman of the Year," inscribing the title on a little gold star which she wears proudly around her neck.

She is now prepared to bring her industry and responsibilities into the CIO and she hopes, eventually, to find her permanent work in some phase of the labor movement. Her own union, incidentally, is the American Federation of Teachers (AFL).

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with it would suggest that the enemy is always wrong and that the allies are always right. This is not so. There are Germans of whom God would be more proud than some Americans. A German who hates Hitler and the cruel things Hitler does is more gently than an American who hates Hitler but who treats Negroes as Hitler treats Jews. Thousands of Germans have nothing in common with Dr. Goebbels and his vicious policies. Instead they love life, people, freedom and God. They may be many not be Christians but certainly legions are the good people in the midst of evil Germany today. This is true of the Japanese also. The Japanese have their own religion. Christian missionaries made slight headway in that country (it may have been just as well considering how the imperial crown follows the Cross). They don't all believe in Jesus Christ but have for many years enjoyed a culture and civilization, brotherly love and peace though not comparable to anything America has. They have had their wars with the Chinese and others and we have had ours with our neighbors.

WHOSE NAME IS GOD ONE

Some of our wars have been justified. Many have not. The day has passed when men can say and be believed that God is on our side. God is on both sides if HE is anywhere. I don't believe in God in the familiar sense of most Christians but I do feel that if God is in this scramble at all HE is working overtime to get his creatures back to normal life and the beauty that comes with peace and brotherhood. I believe in God in what I am happy to call a practical way. I don't have much room in my belief for sentimental idealistic stuff. God is God for me, for the Zulu, for the Eskimo, and anyone else who wants to believe in Him. I don't have any special claim on Him. Nor will He do me any isolated favors because I ask him to or because some priest or preacher asks Him to for me. Therefore in the day of holocaust God serves all. If He serves any.

REAL IMPORTANCE

The real matter of importance is this. Men and not God are fighting this war. Men, not God, created it. Some men are wrong, very wrong in this war. Hitler and Tojo and company are such men. The southern whites has driven into that the Negro is cold blooded in further proof of Jimcra rule in the South was in wrong as Hitler . . . no better. Men and not God here made and fought every war that has ever been. Any wars to come after this one . . . (and another can and will come if a just and lasting peace . . . a jungle's peace does not follow this one . . .) will be made by men . . . fought and won and lost by men. The emphasis must be on the man. He must be made to know that men want and love.

IN THE NEW DAY

When this becomes a fact, if a chaplain has to stand before men in a war caused by some tyrant people . . . he can speak with conviction and surer. Negro chaplains who suffer the same juncos as their men cannot do this today. Things are looking up. The war is coming to a successful close. Our side is going to win. The certainty of the black people's victory is not so definite but this is a new day in many respects and that at least is the point of cohesion for the Negro which will fight to the death in a real unified phalanx.

Many of those who fight to rid the world of fascism do not share common faith in a common God. But they do share a common faith in man . . . the common man. Russia is by all odds the most religious nation in the world from the standpoint of a living faith in mankind. Her legions are fighting as men and women who believe in one another. This should be the case of America and England. The men in those two armies should believe in one another. The white in the Negro, and the two in all the other races that make up the armed strength of their combined force. This kind of an army would have no losers . . . no warring of Negroes by white MPs. The victory would receive the full wrath of their legions and the day of victory would come the sooner. If this were the case, God would be on our side in an especial way because we would be working to preserve what I believe to be the natural intent of all nature and all creation. As it is . . . I repeat, this day of the blood is not yet at hand. The good people of all armies are working to bring it to pass. To them, as a minister, I say God is with you. He wants what you want. He wants fascism erased from the face of the earth. He wants us to remove it.

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SOAPBOX •• by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.



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Communist party label, awake to the tune of the new times and the new Negro.

This victory formula consists of:

- militant mass action by organized Negro citizens' groups (such as the People's Action Committee of Philadelphia, headed by Arthur Huff Fauset and Elsie Smith, the Negro Labor Victory Committee of New York, and others);
- close collaboration with organized labor (as in the case of the CIO Transit Workers in Philadelphia);
- support of a progressive federal government (with such liberal committees as the FEPC).

This formula worked in New York with the transit fight that I initiated a few years ago. It worked in Chicago, where I was called to help push the fight against the city's transportation system. It has worked in Philadelphia after a hard and bitter two-year battle. And it will work in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.!

Besides the labor unions, progressive government elements, and mass action by organized local Negro groups, credit must also be given to the NAACP, the National Negro Congress and the National Urban League, which were not found wanting when the challenge came.

Now, although the above-mentioned formula is the answer, it is not the complete answer. This formula must be supported by a progressive and liberal federal government and that is where we come in and come in STRONG. For, without a government of this sort, as exemplified in the Roosevelt administration—despite its death struggle with

the die-hard southern bigots and their fellow travelers—the northern Republicans—our efforts will go for naught.

We are well aware of the fascists in the Democratic Party. No one has shouted at them from the house tops louder than I have. No one has called them more names and dogged their footsteps more lustily than I have. Yet, none with eyes to see and ears to hear and a brain to function can deny that the New Deal has given more opportunity to the Negro to fight for his rights and to gain some of those rights than any other administration since Reconstruction days.

We also realize that many of the gains that have come to Negroes have trickled down to him through the channels of legislation in behalf of organized labor and underprivileged groups. But we know that what is good for these elements is good for us, since our lot is tied with theirs, and not with a few white collared Negroes in big, fat government jobs.

With all due respects to our friends in the Grand Old Party, it has proven itself to be tied to the apron strings of labor-baiting, America-first and other pressure gangs that hide behind the shibboleth of states' rights, as does our New York governor.

And that brings up another case in point against putting HIS sort of administration in power. With all the pressure brought to bear upon Mr. Dewey by liberal groups to give the New York members of the fighting forces on foreign soil a chance to vote in the coming elections, he has stood adamant in his denial to them of their constitutional rights, ludicrously hiding behind the Constitution itself.

If ever there was a chance for Negroes and their friends to prove their mettle and to show their guts, as well as to use their God-given intelligence, it is NOW. We know that the balance of power in a number of our large electoral states lies with us. Are we to continue to let ourselves be hoodwinked into the belief that the party of the Great Emancipator is the Republican Party of today?

As Patrick Henry said: "Is life so dear or peace so sweet that it can be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God!"

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This is your fight.

There is nothing time, Americans! You can postpone all this November's decisions until any "What's the difference?" This is not. The stakes are down. Your job, your future, your very freedom—the kind of world your kids will grow up in—will be decided less than two months from now by—YOU!

The Old Guard has patched together the Republican platform—the same old privileges for the few, and no hope for the rest of us. The Old Guard has picked its candidates—the same old stooges for Hooverism and the Old Deal.

Are you going to sit by and watch all your hard-won gains of the past twelve years vanish on Election Day? Do you want another sabotaged peace—another and more devastating war?

There's a tough campaign ahead. Our opponents are more determined than ever. They're raising huge campaign funds—millions on millions—to elect their candidates.

It's going to take working, fighting, organizing. But we can do it, if you'll help. The successes of the CIO Political Action Committee have demonstrated that the job can be done if our side is organized. But under Federal law some election campaign activities must be financed by contributions from individuals and not from union funds. CIO members are making *their* contributions. The National Citizens Political Action Committee has been organized to give you an opportunity to get into this fight. We invite all like-minded Americans—farmers, workers, business and professional men and women—to join with us to do the job that can and must be done.

This new Committee needs funds—funds to register and get out the vote on Election Day. Funds to present the cause of progress, and jobs for all, to the people. Funds to help candidates, irrespective of party, who stand for total victory, a just and durable peace, and full employment.

This is your fight, Americans! We can't win it without you. Send a check or money order today...

YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT FOR:

Total VICTORY!

Lasting
PEACE!

Full
PRODUCTION!

Full EMPLOYMENT!

The National Citizens Political Action Committee — a non-partisan committee — knows this can be achieved only by the election of

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and a progressive Congress!

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